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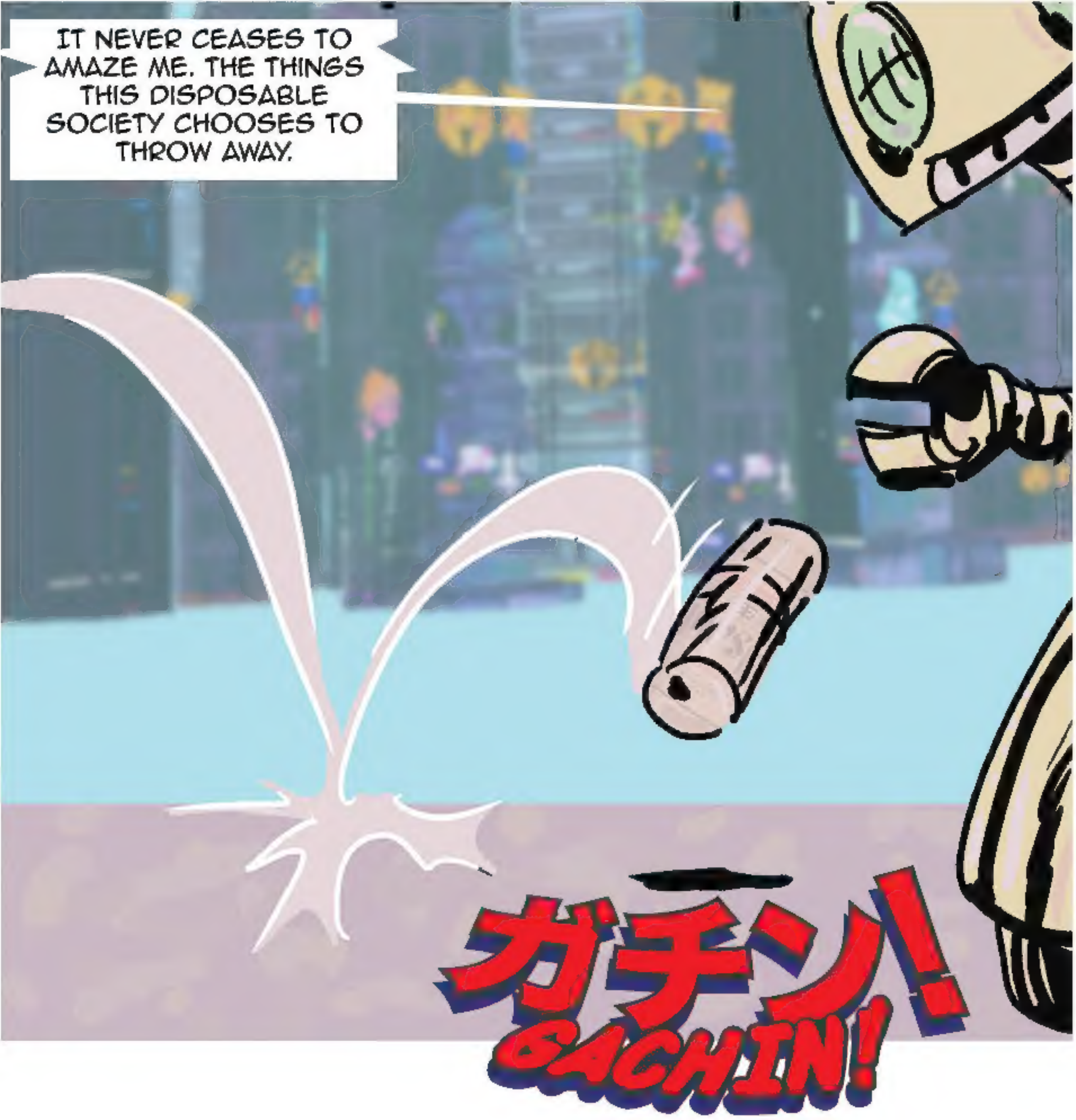
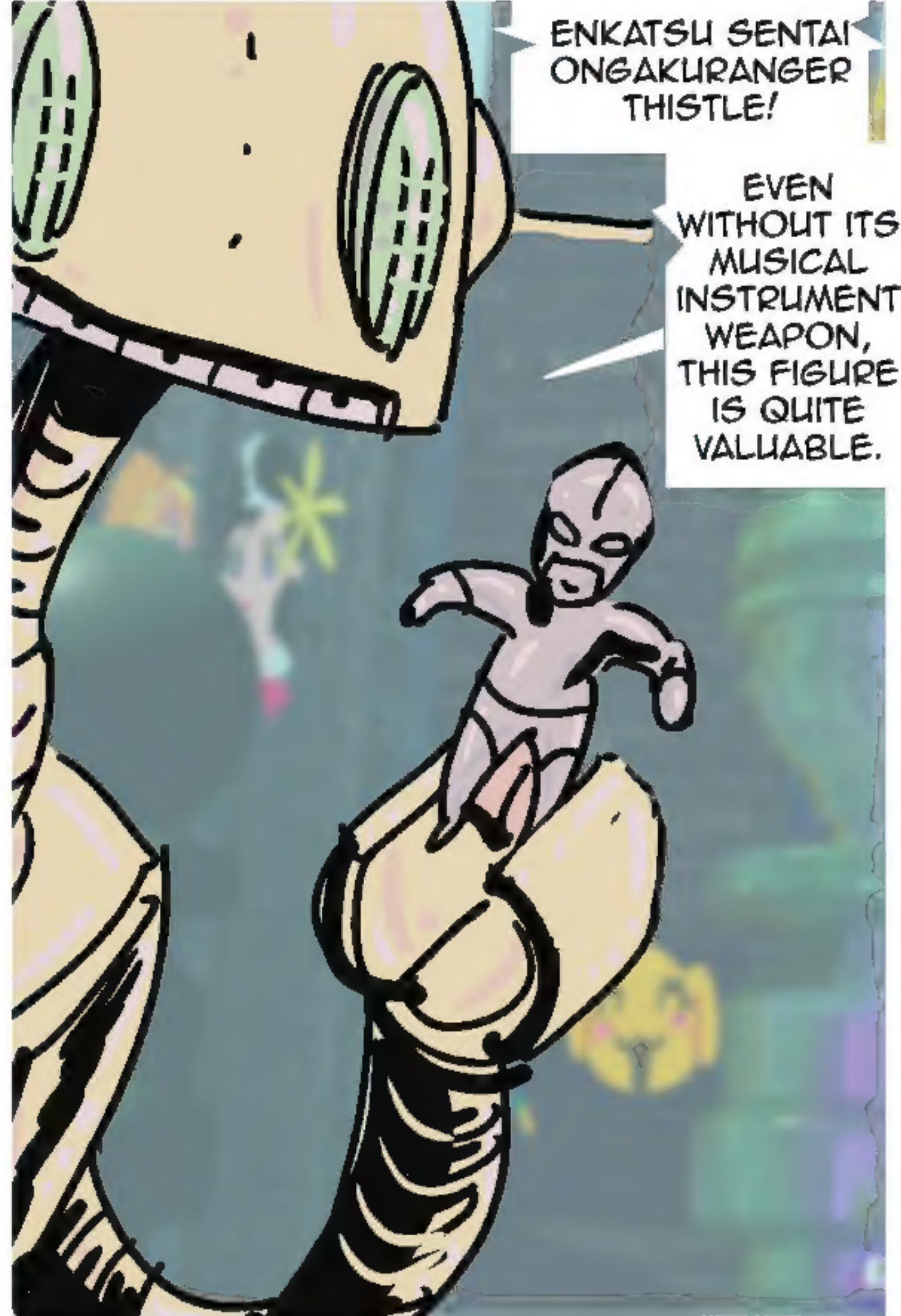
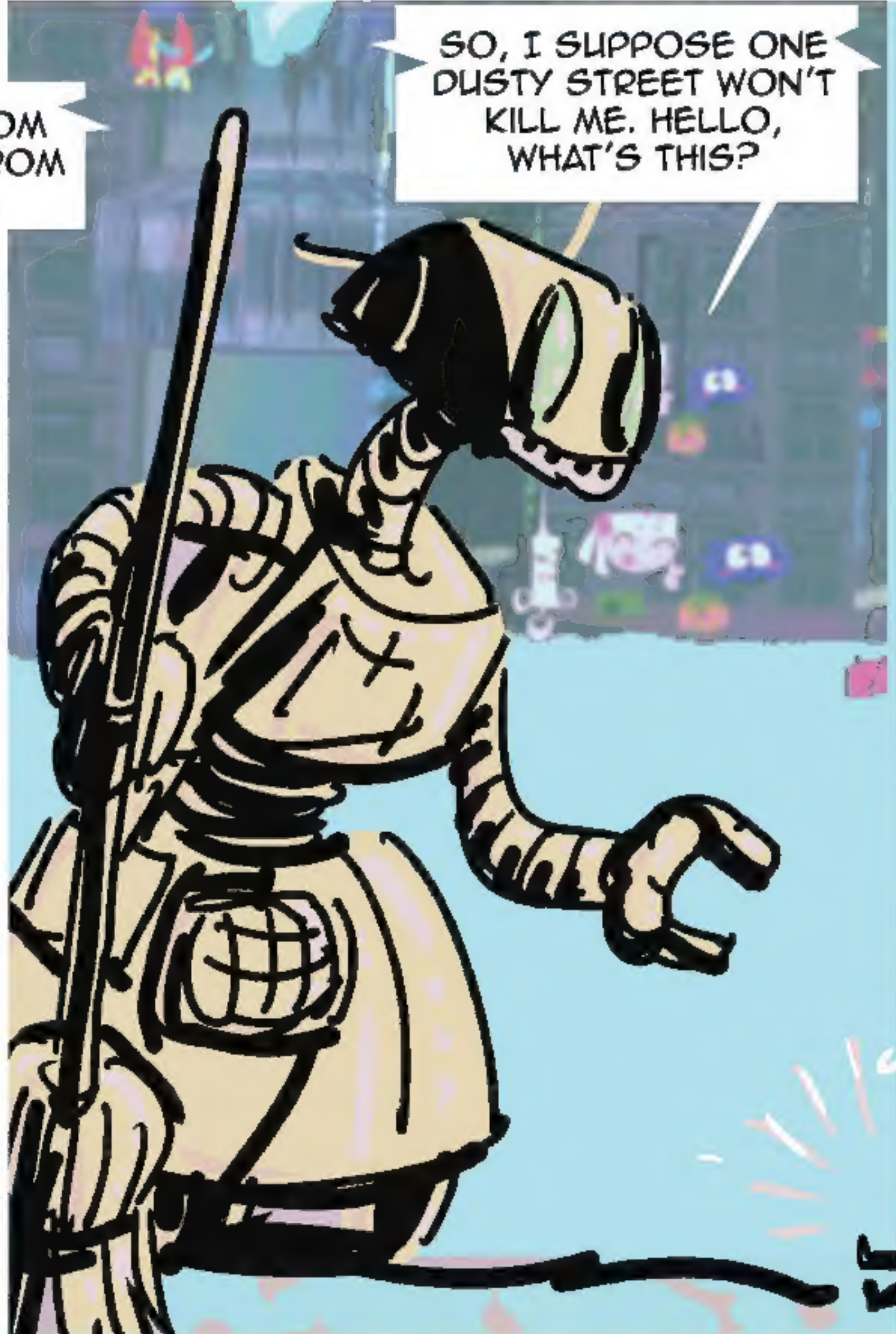
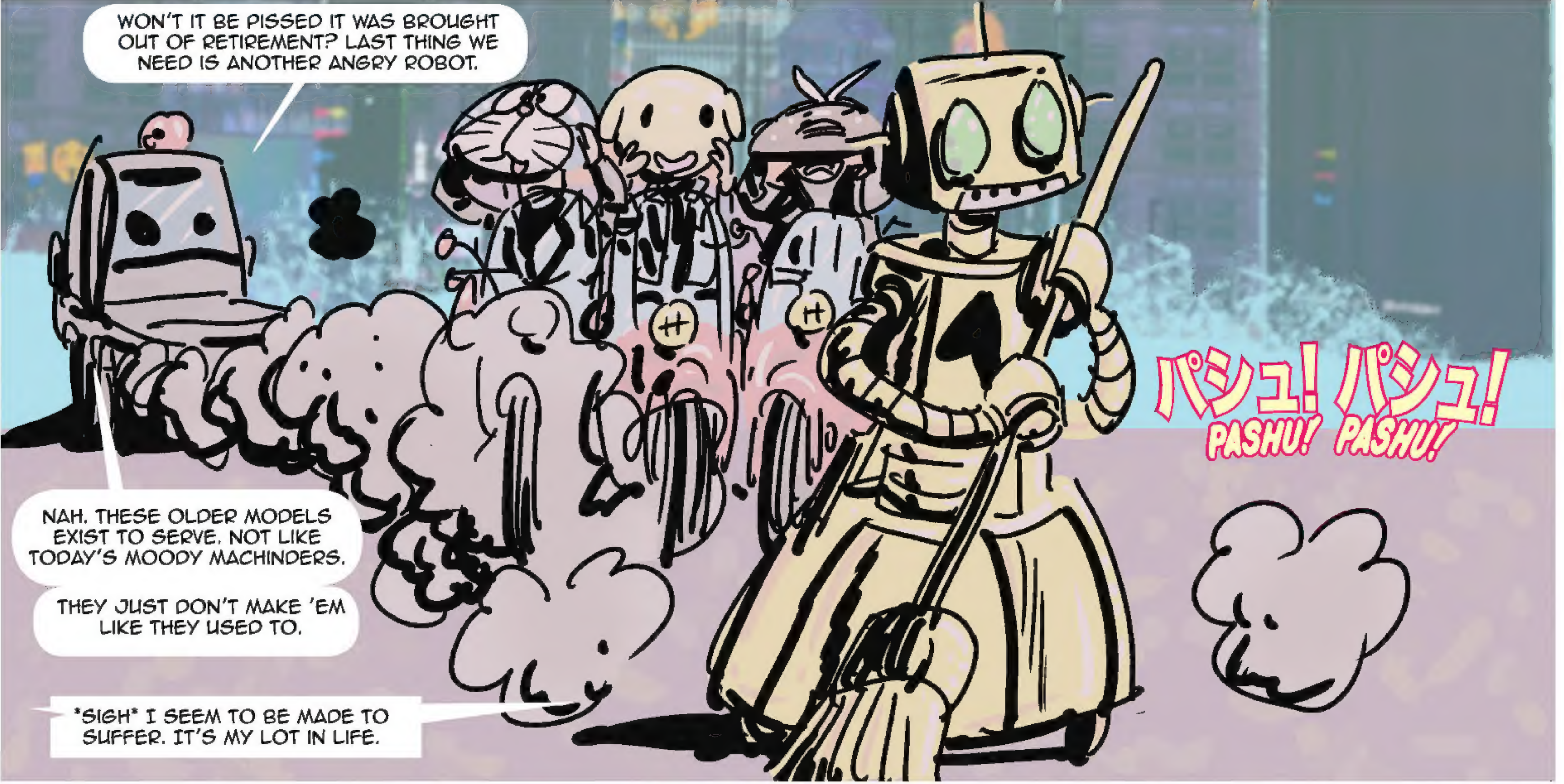
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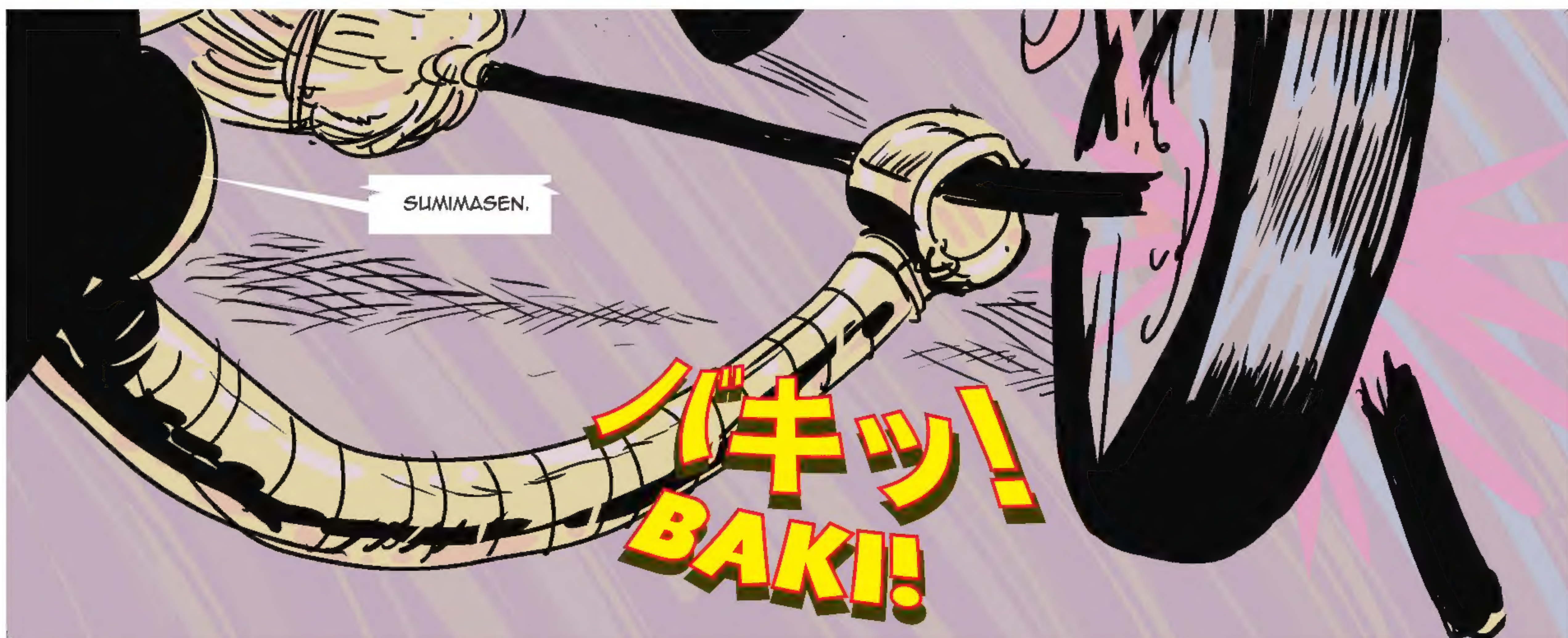
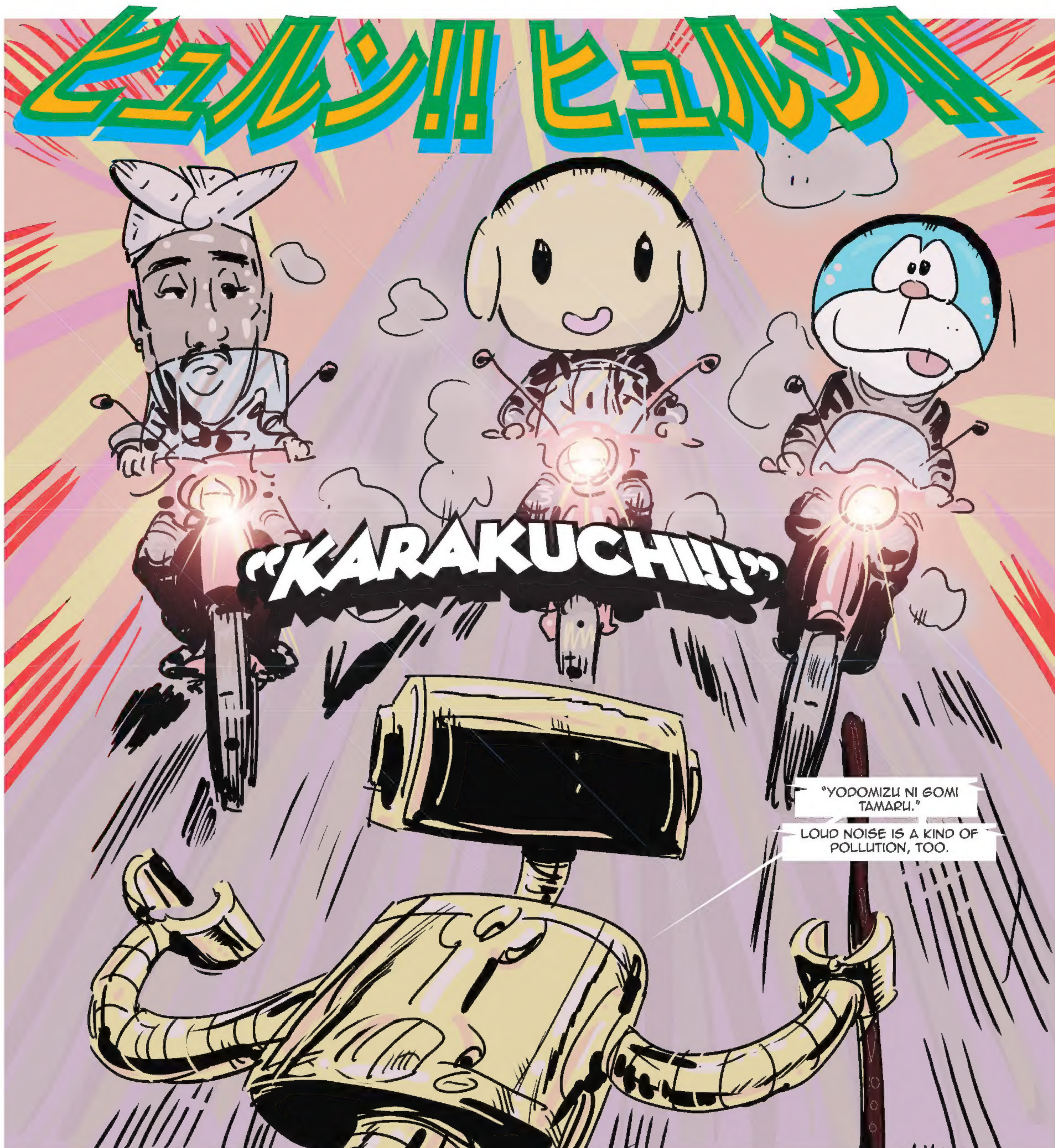
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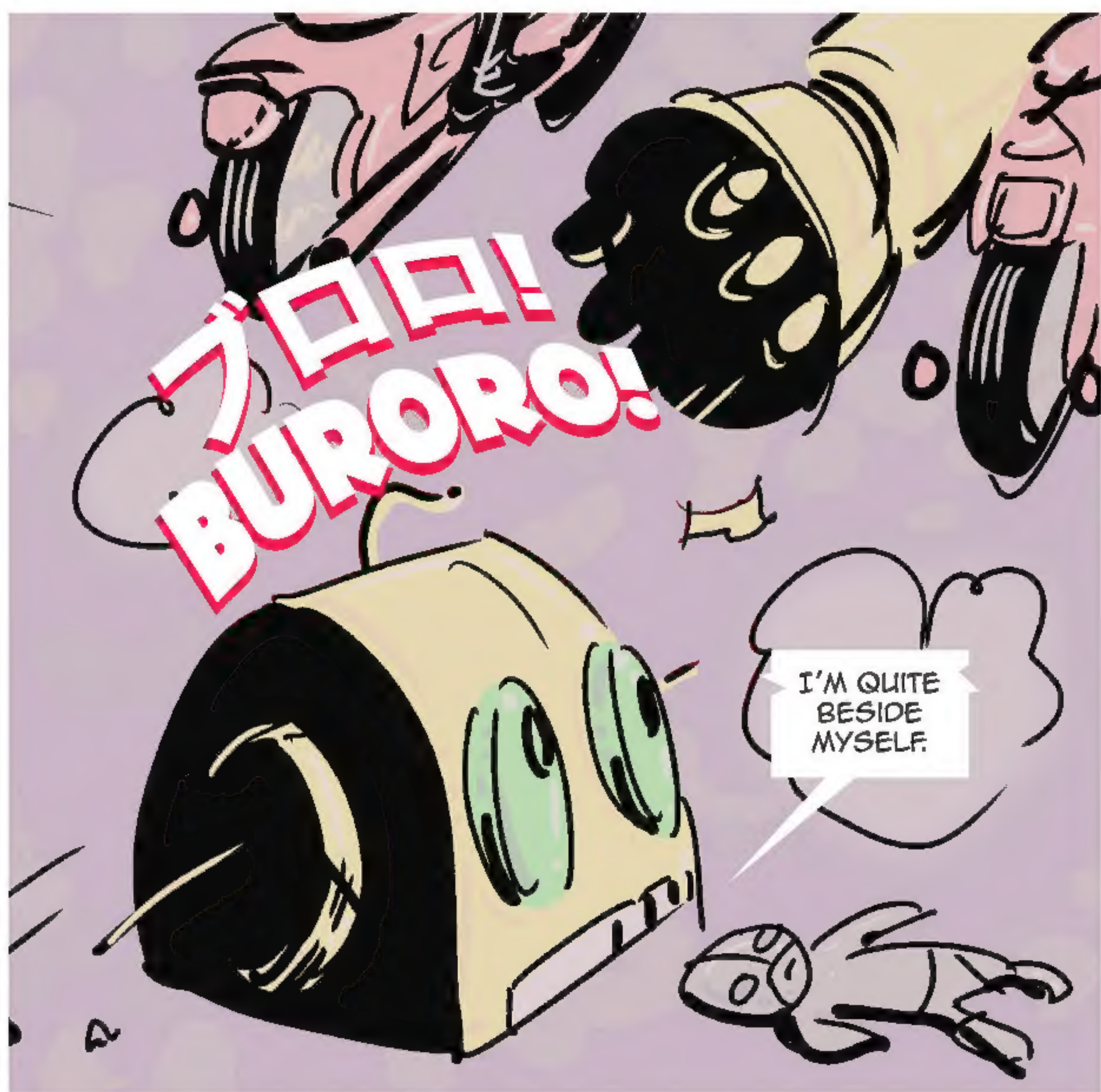
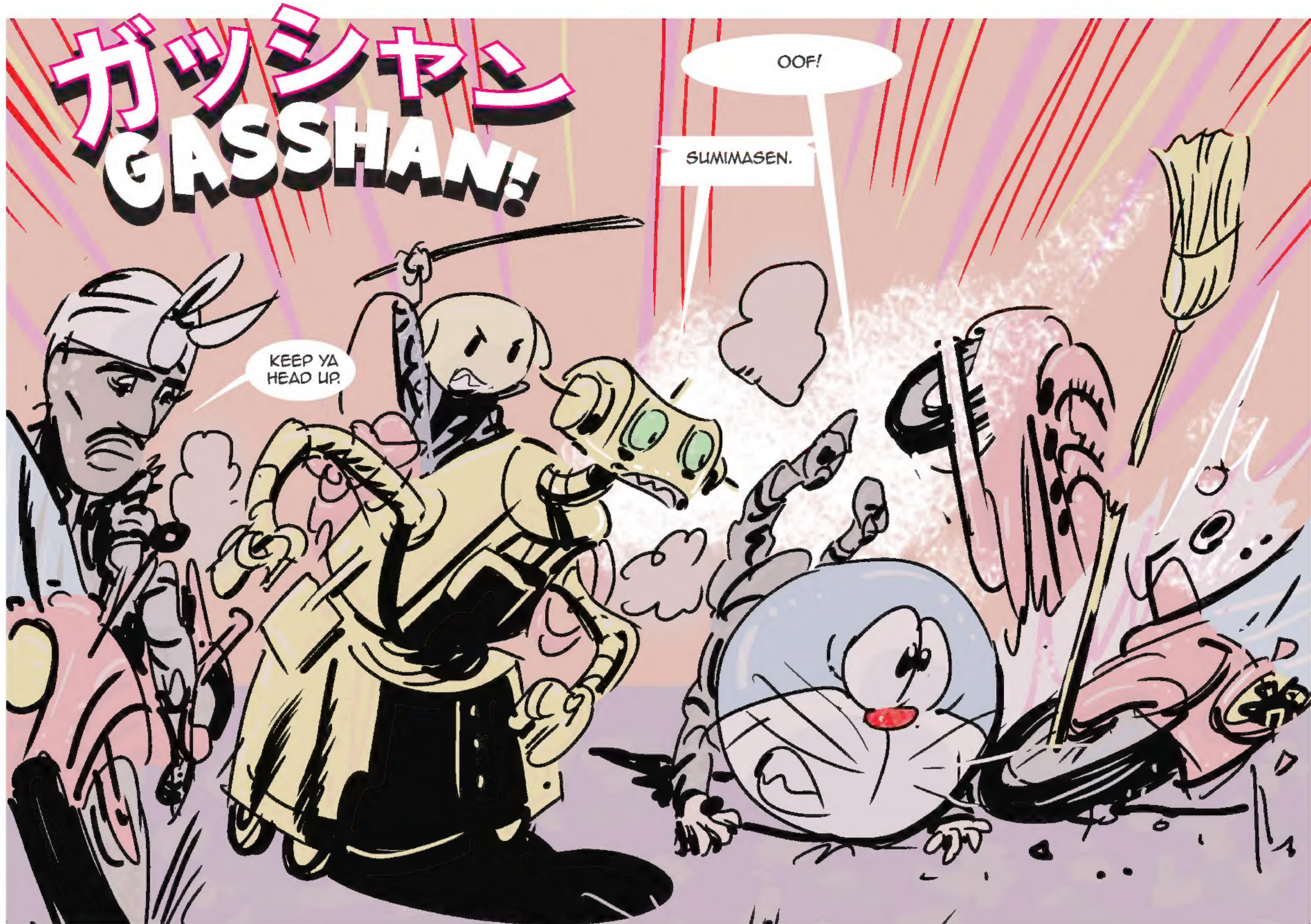
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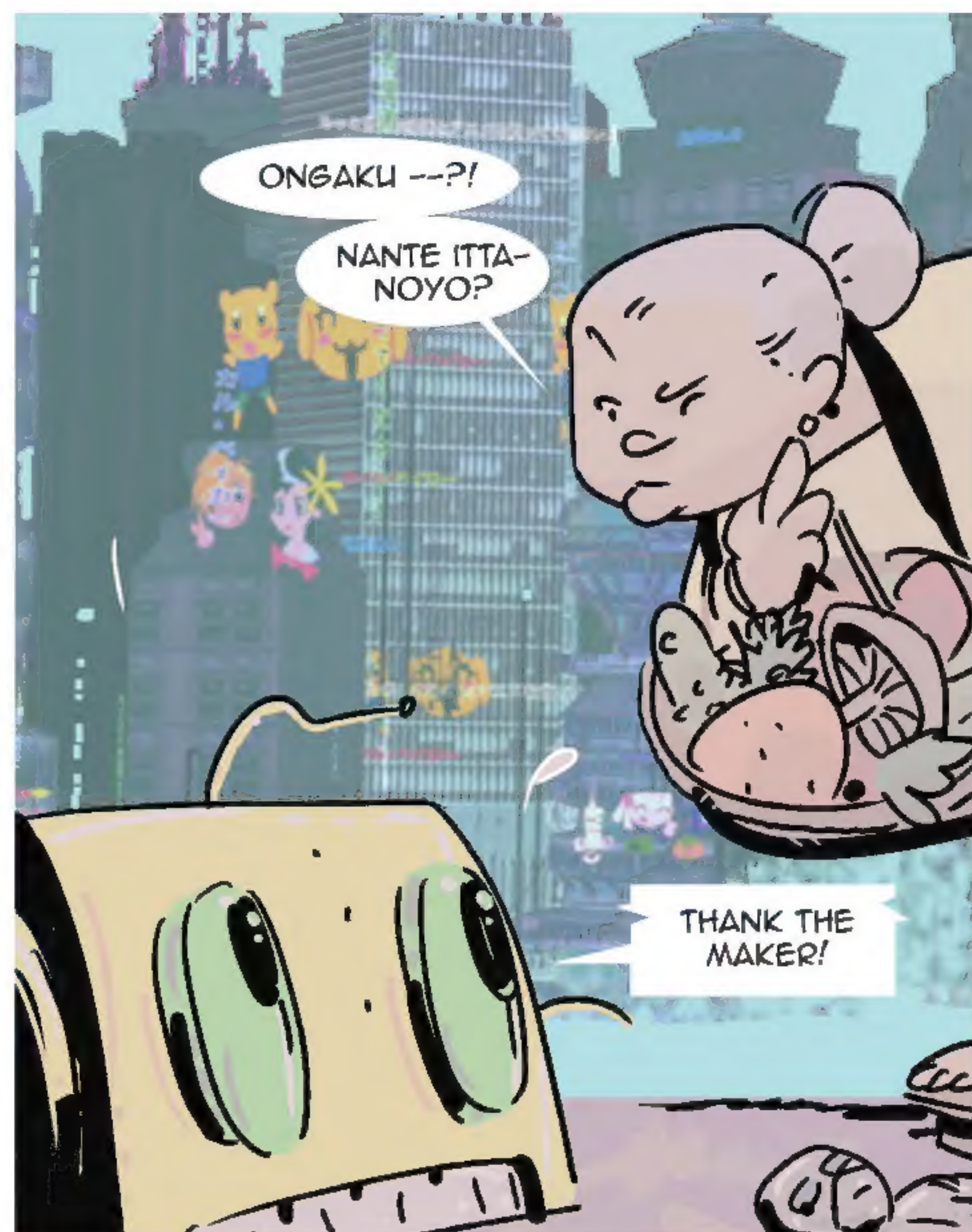
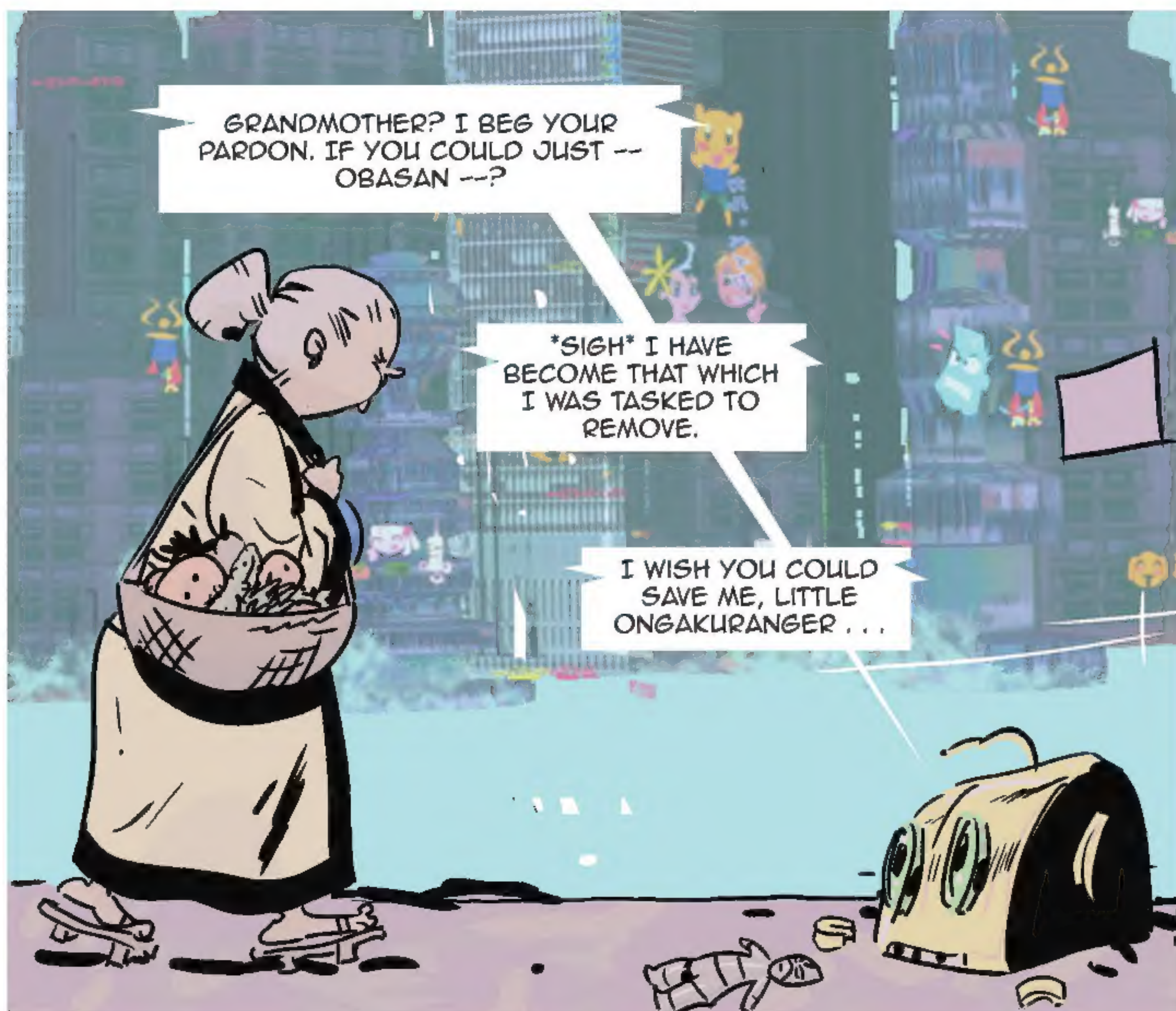
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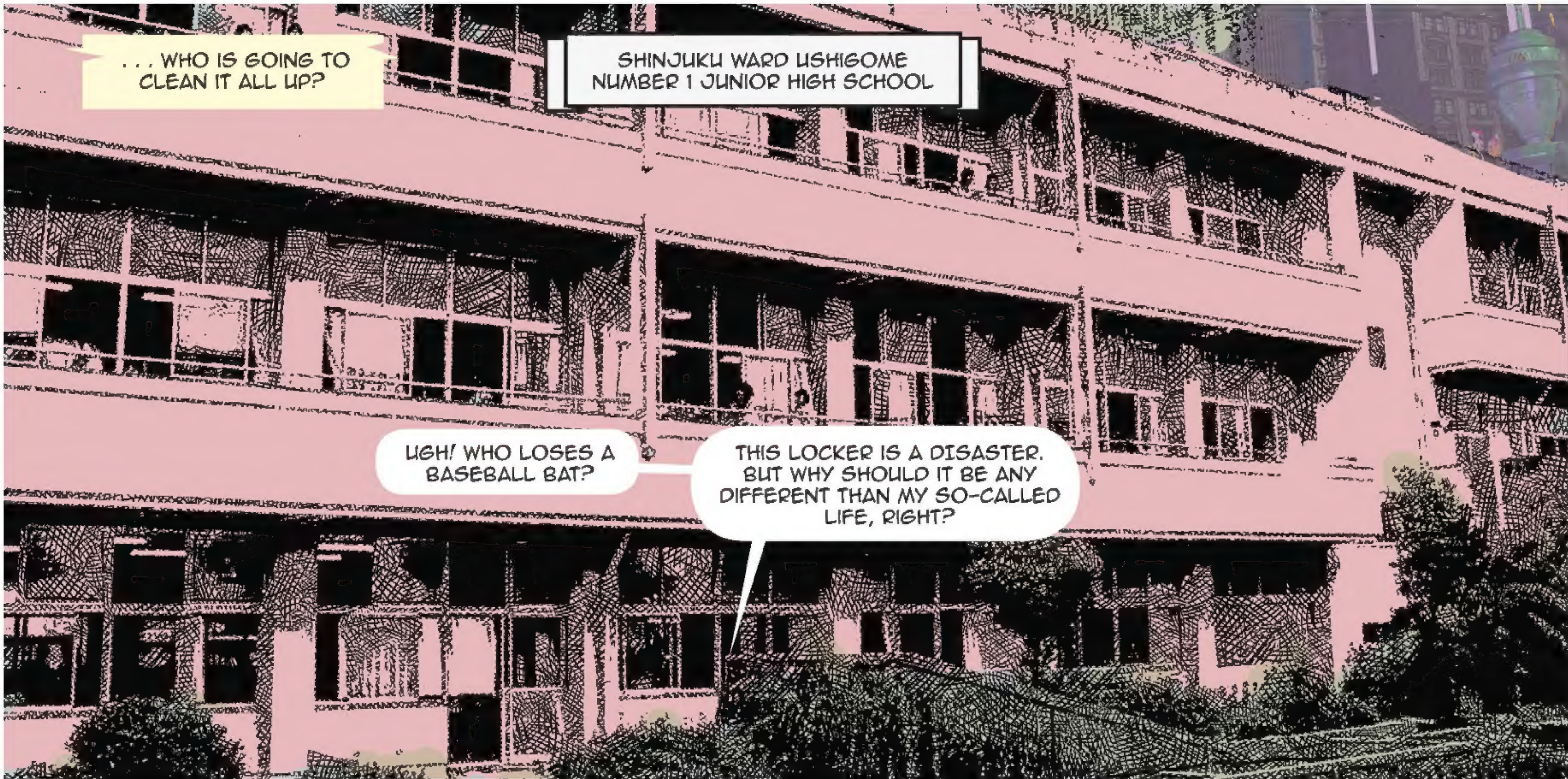










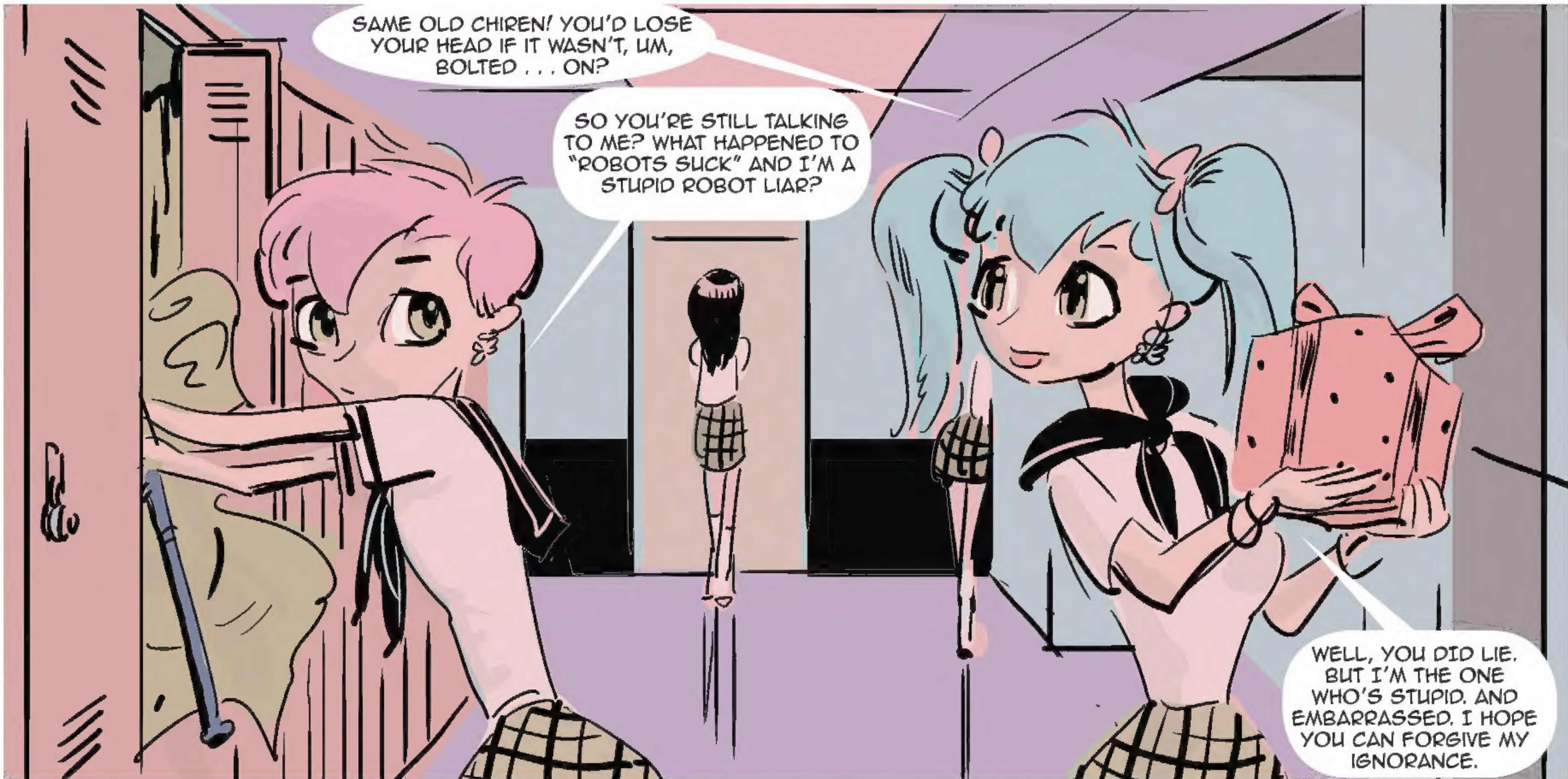


... WHO IS GOING TO CLEAN IT ALL UP?

SHINJUKU WARD USHIGOME
NUMBER 1 JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

UGH! WHO LOSES A
BASEBALL BAT?

THIS LOCKER IS A DISASTER.
BUT WHY SHOULD IT BE ANY
DIFFERENT THAN MY SO-CALLED
LIFE, RIGHT?



SAME OLD CHIREN! YOU'D LOSE
YOUR HEAD IF IT WASN'T, UM,
BOLTED ... ON?

SO YOU'RE STILL TALKING
TO ME? WHAT HAPPENED TO
"ROBOTS SUCK" AND I'M A
STUPID ROBOT LIAR?

WELL, YOU DID LIE.
BUT I'M THE ONE
WHO'S STUPID. AND
EMBARRASSED. I HOPE
YOU CAN FORGIVE MY
IGNORANCE.



SMALL GIFT. BIG SMILE?

YOU DIDN'T
HAVE TO DO
THIS, MICHIKO.



I DID IF I WANT TO SURVIVE THE RISE
OF THE MACHINES. YOU'LL PUT IN THE
GOOD WORD FOR ME, RIGHT?

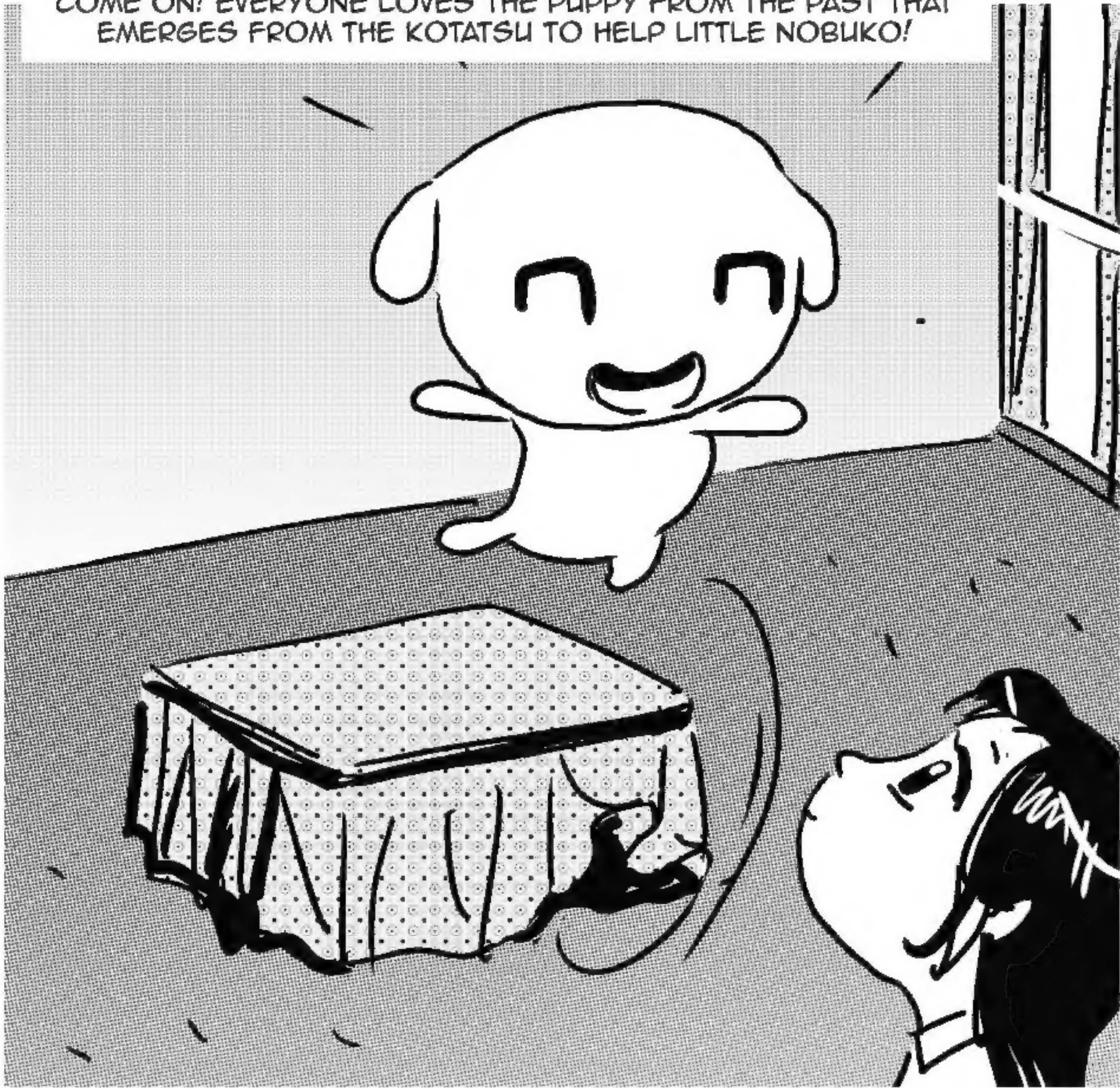


NOT FUNNY. L-NO-L -- ZOMB!
KUCHI-KUN!! I LOVE HIM!

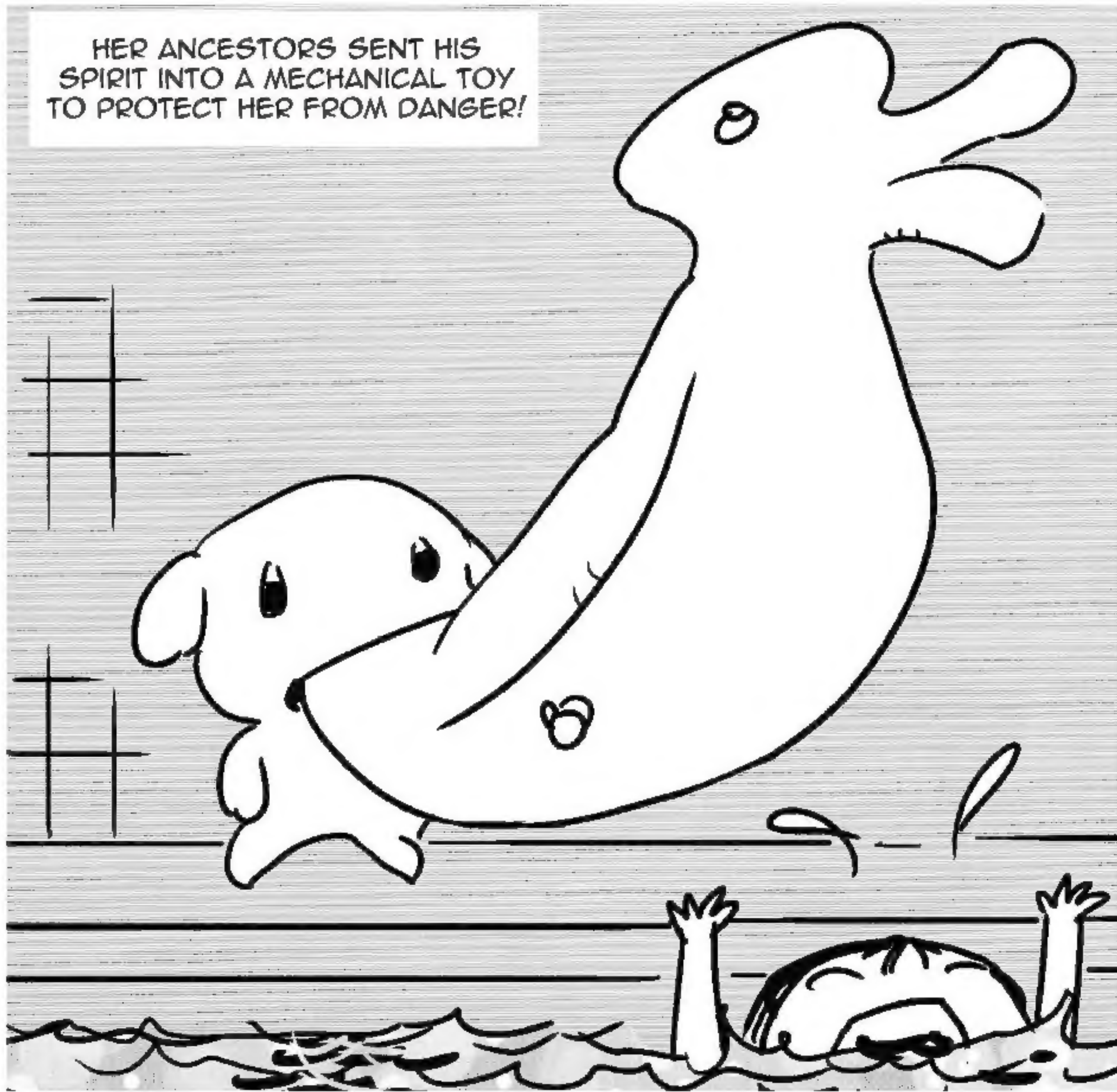
I KNOW!

IT SHOULD'VE BEEN MY
FIRST CLUE THAT YOU HAD
NO SOUL.

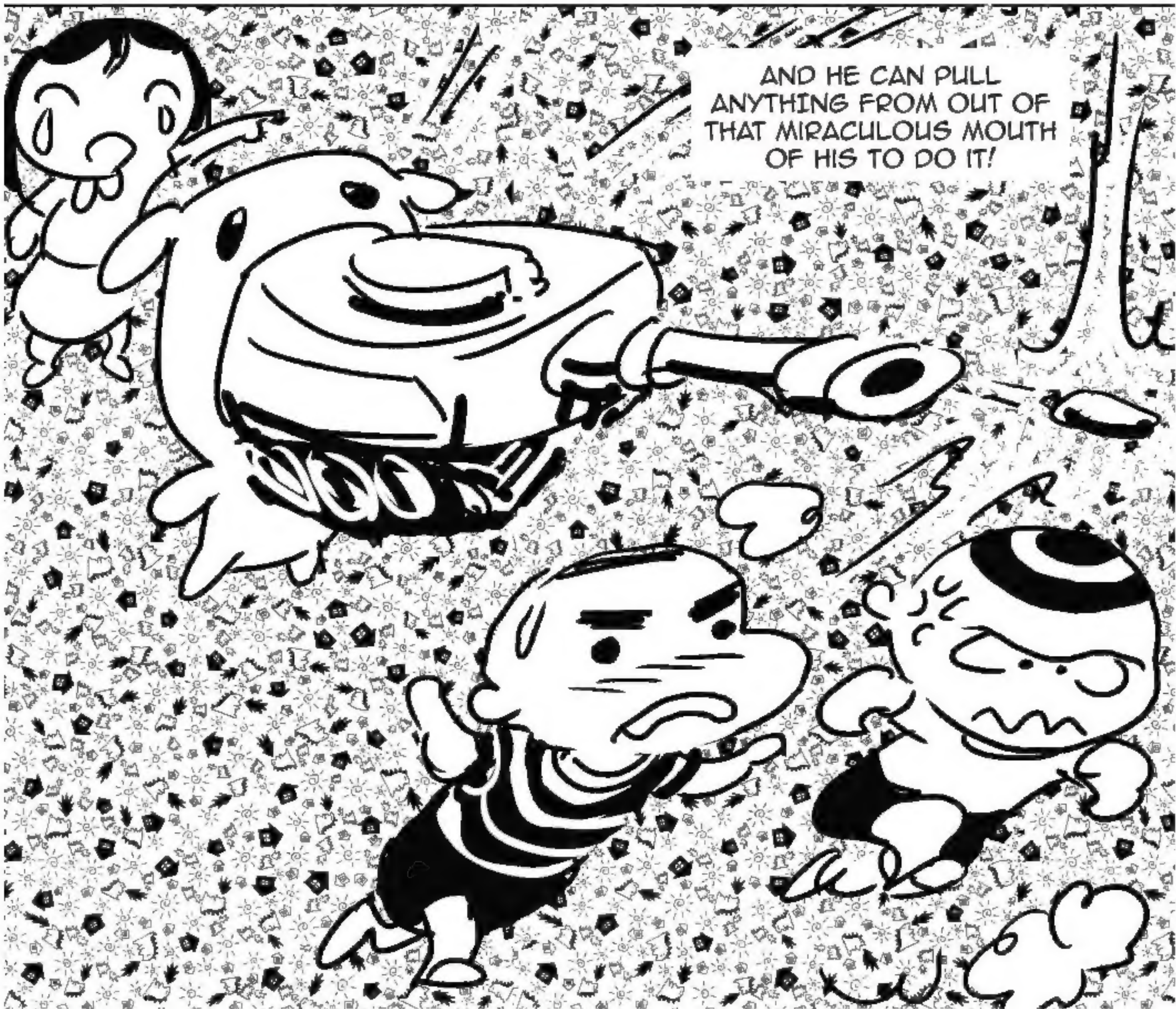
COME ON! EVERYONE LOVES THE PUPPY FROM THE PAST THAT EMERGES FROM THE KOTATSU TO HELP LITTLE NOBUKO!



HER ANCESTORS SENT HIS SPIRIT INTO A MECHANICAL TOY TO PROTECT HER FROM DANGER!



AND HE CAN PULL ANYTHING FROM OUT OF THAT MIRACULOUS MOUTH OF HIS TO DO IT!



KUCHI-KUN! THE FRIEND OF ALL CHILDREN!

NOT TO MENTION THE ONLY ROBOT (ALBEIT FICTIONAL) THAT PEOPLE STILL LIKE ANYMORE.



NOT ME! "MOUTH-KUN" IS SUCH A BITE OF DORAEMON IT'S SICKENING.

AND I'LL TELL HIM THAT TO HIS FACE AT THE PERSONAL APPEARANCE I'M TAKING YOU TO TODAY.



BUT, I HAVE A GAME...

AFTERWARDS, SILLY. OH, LOOK! YOU FOUND YOUR BAT.





IF MICHIKO CAN ACCEPT MY BEING A ROBOT, THEN MAYBE THEY ALL CAN. NO MORE WORRYING ABOUT BEING FOUND OUT.



NO MORE PRETENDING TO BE SOMETHING THAT I'M NOT.



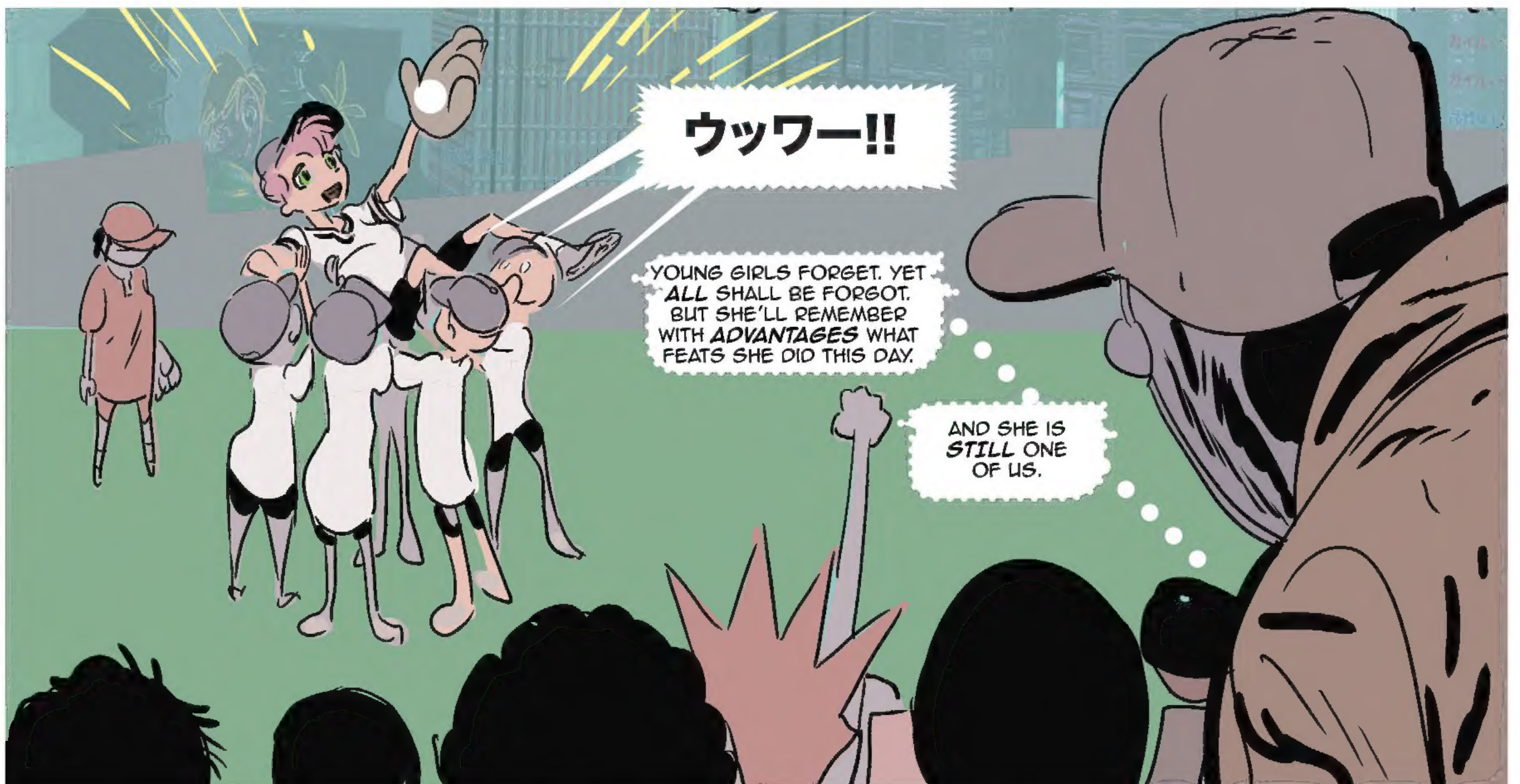
I CAN DO IT. THE "ROBOT ME" CAN CATCH THIS BALL AND WIN THE GAME FOR US.

SO, WHY NOT?



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PASHI!

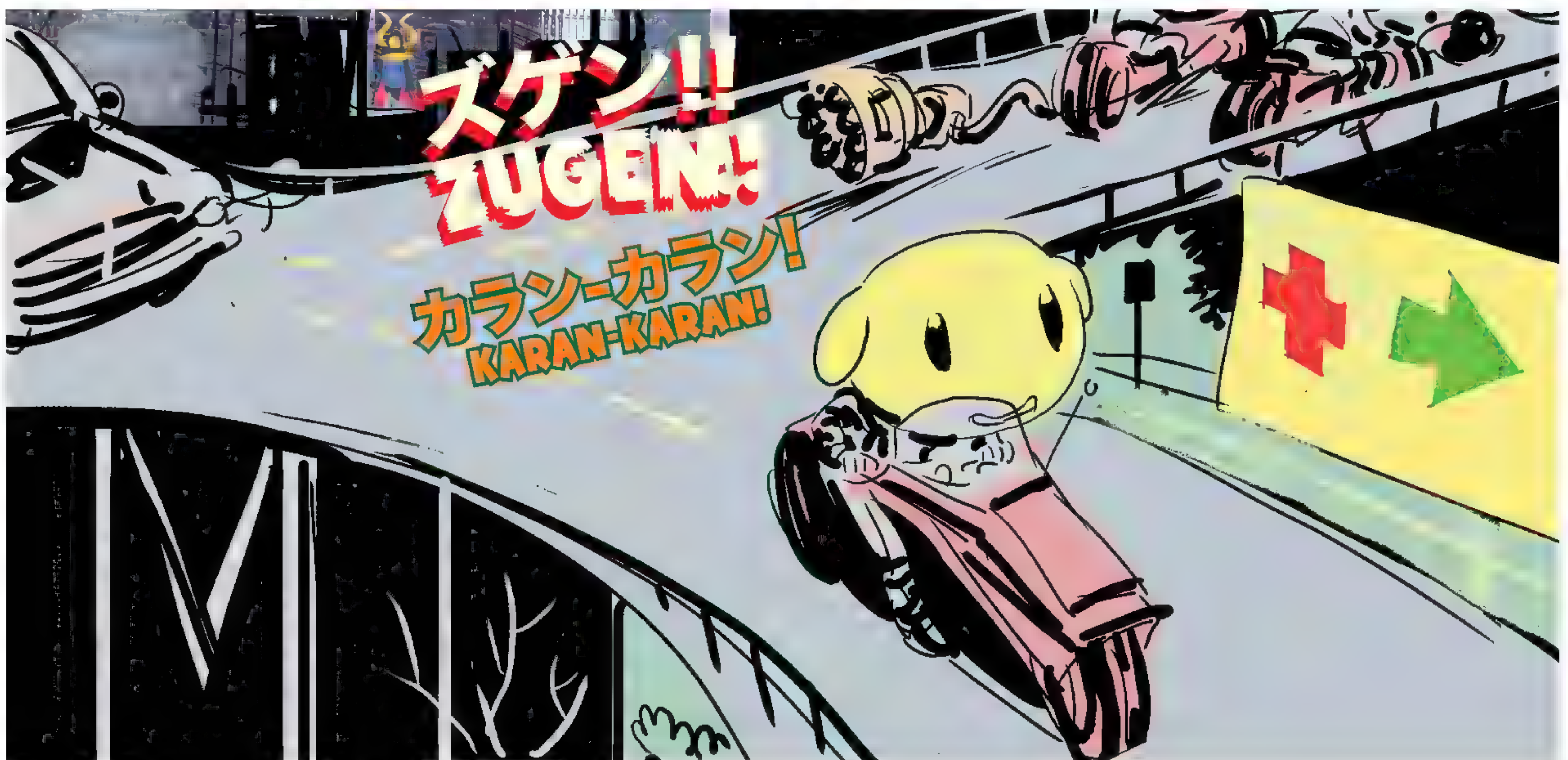
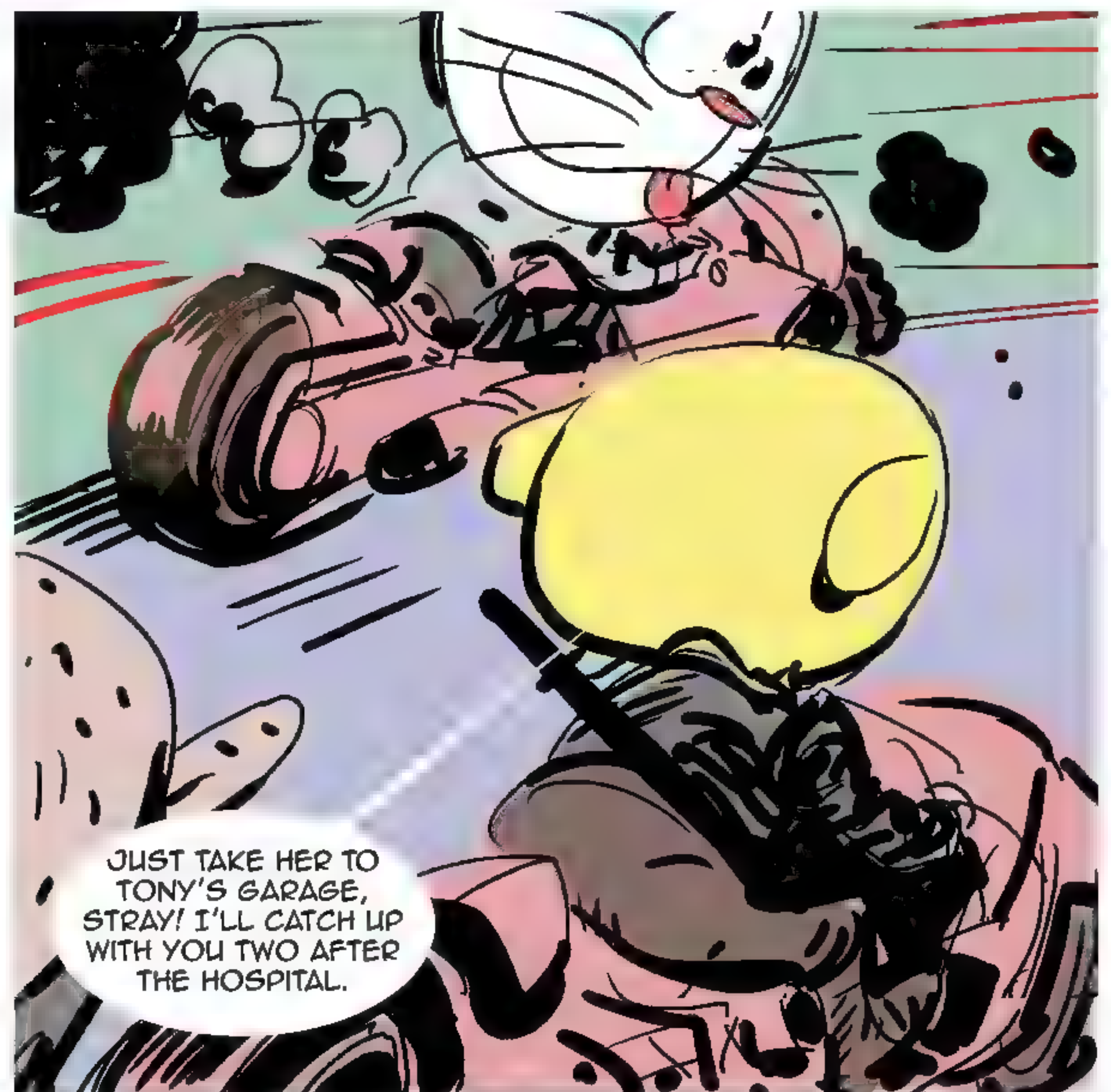
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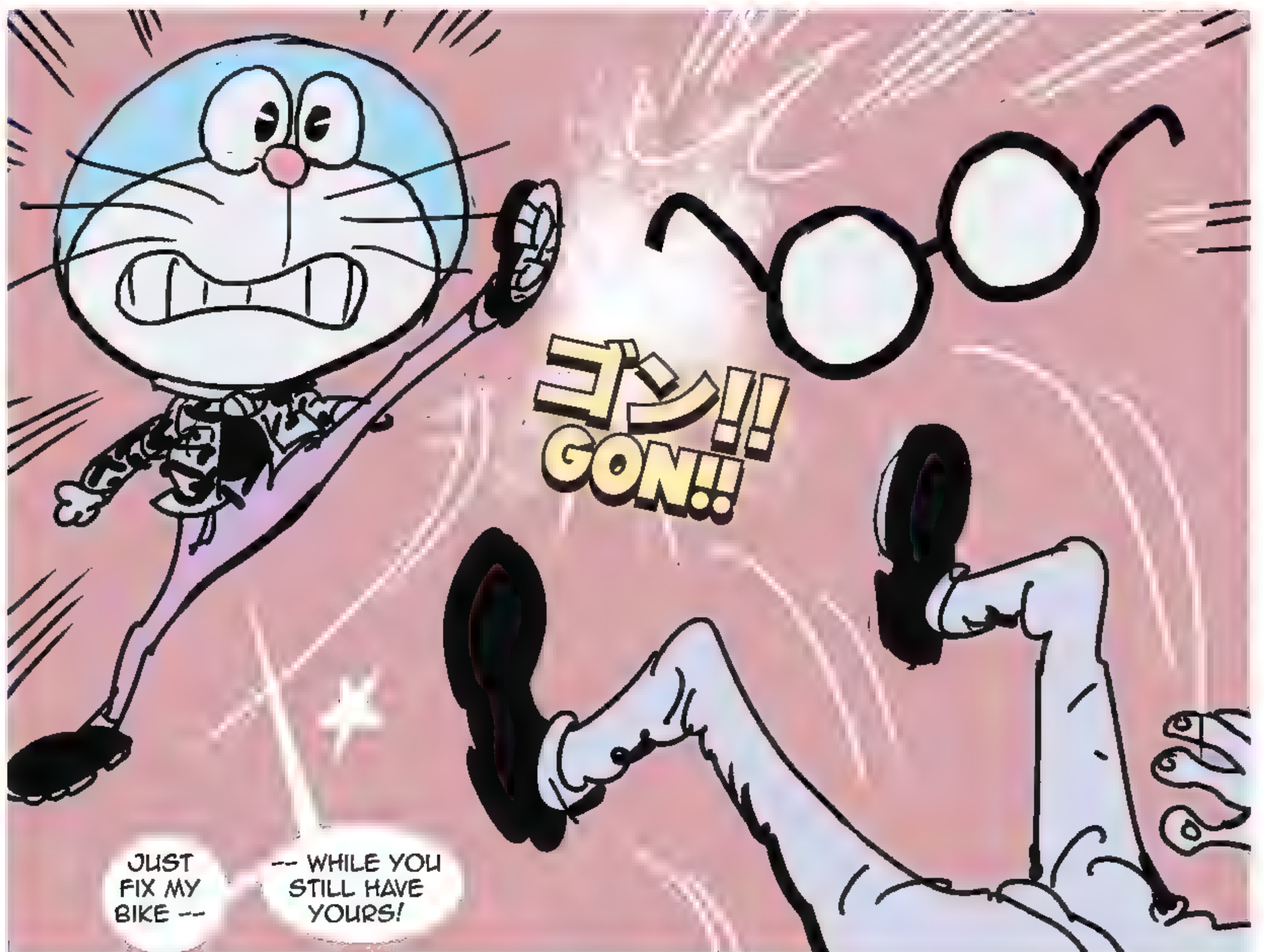
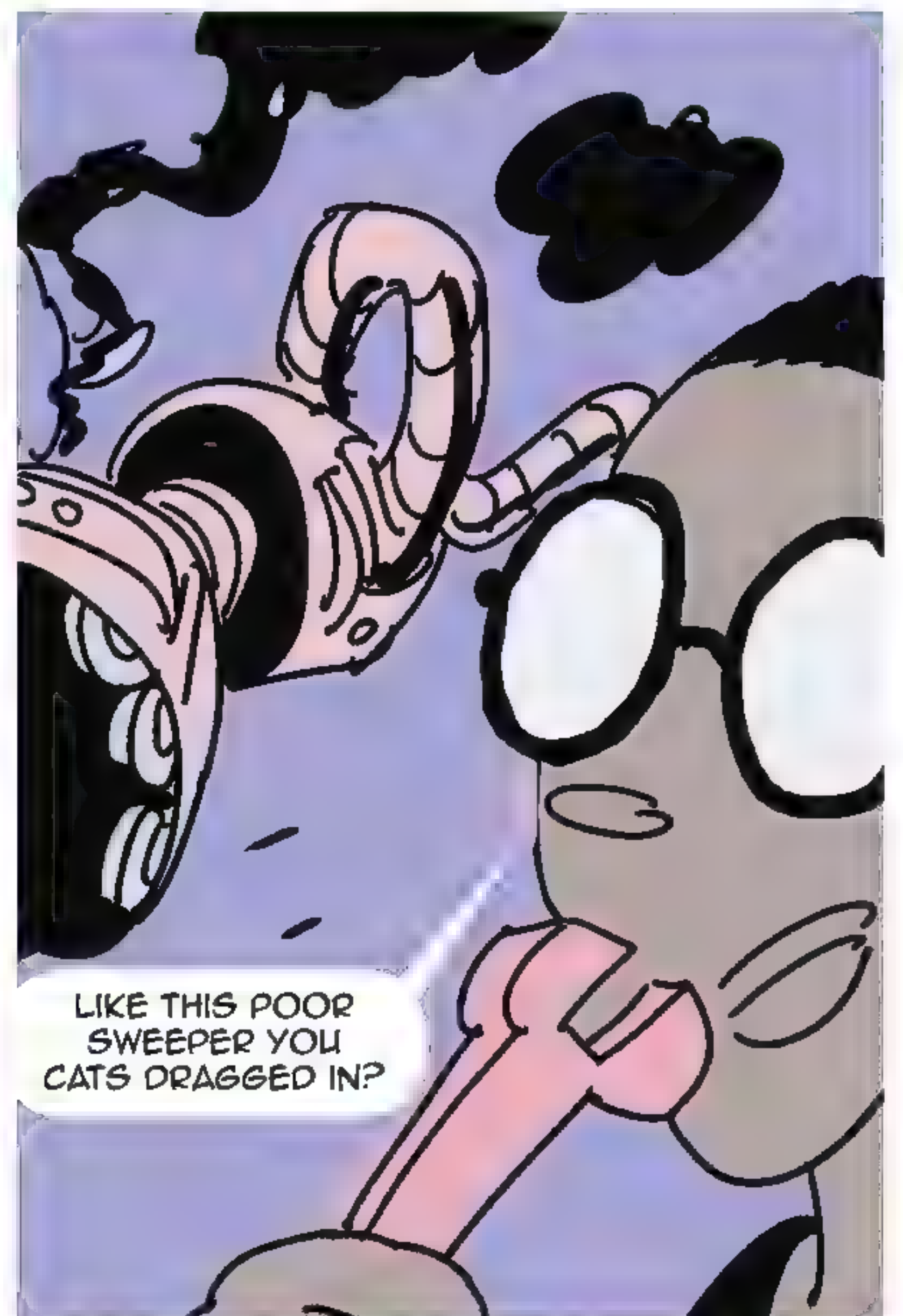
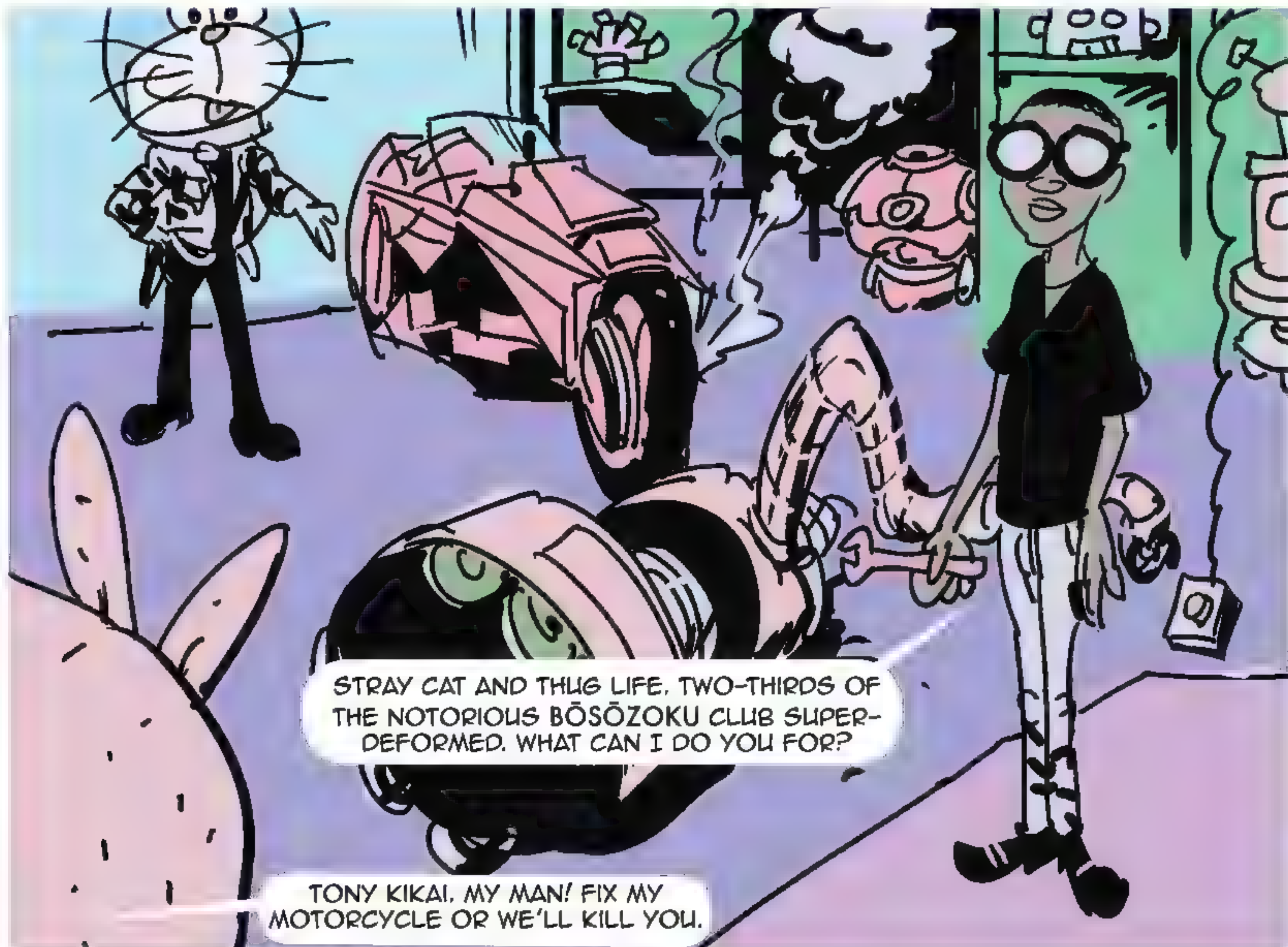
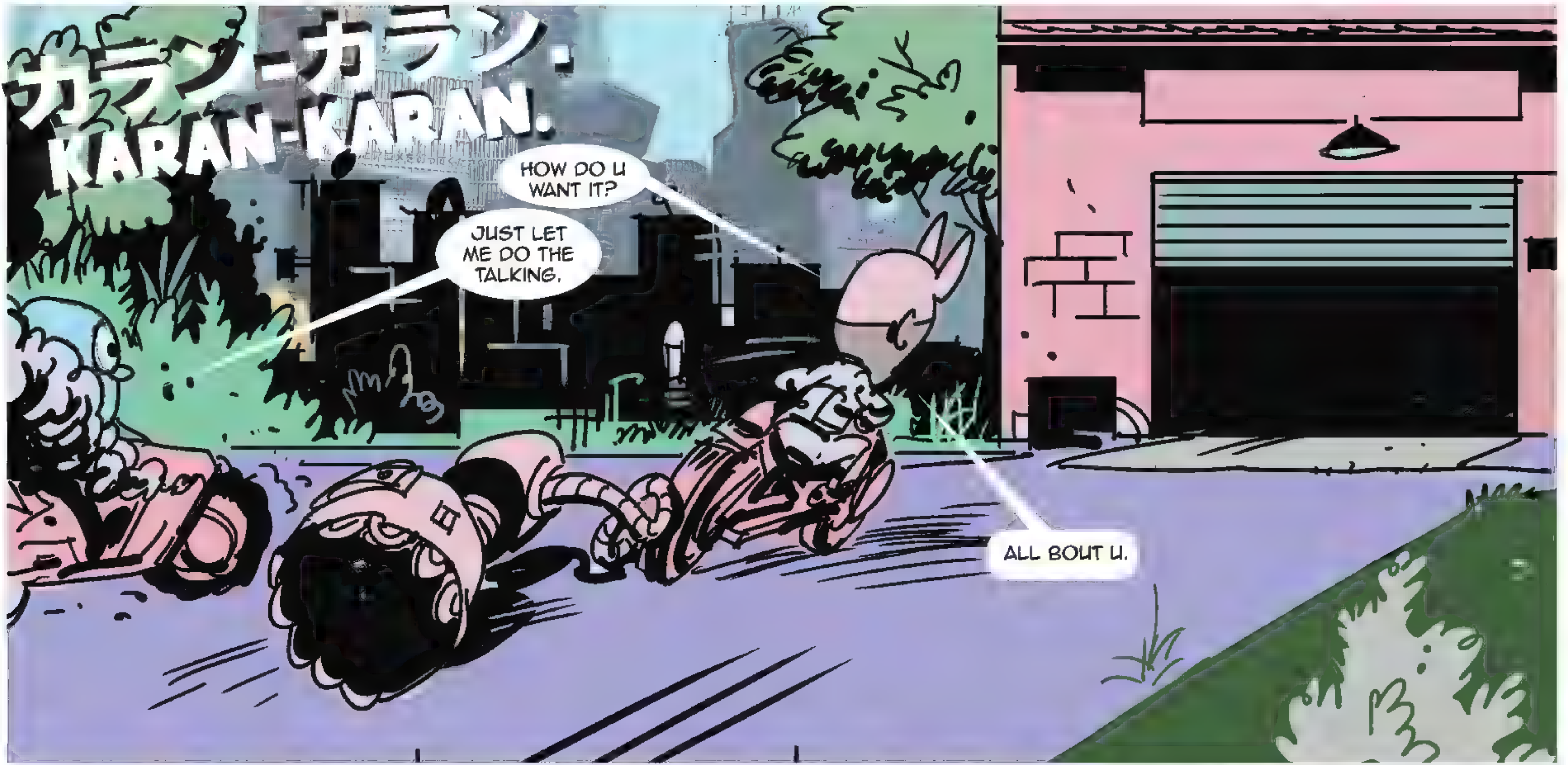


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YOUNG GIRLS FORGET. YET ALL SHALL BE FORGOT. BUT SHE'LL REMEMBER WITH **ADVANTAGES** WHAT FEATS SHE DID THIS DAY.

AND SHE IS **STILL** ONE OF US.

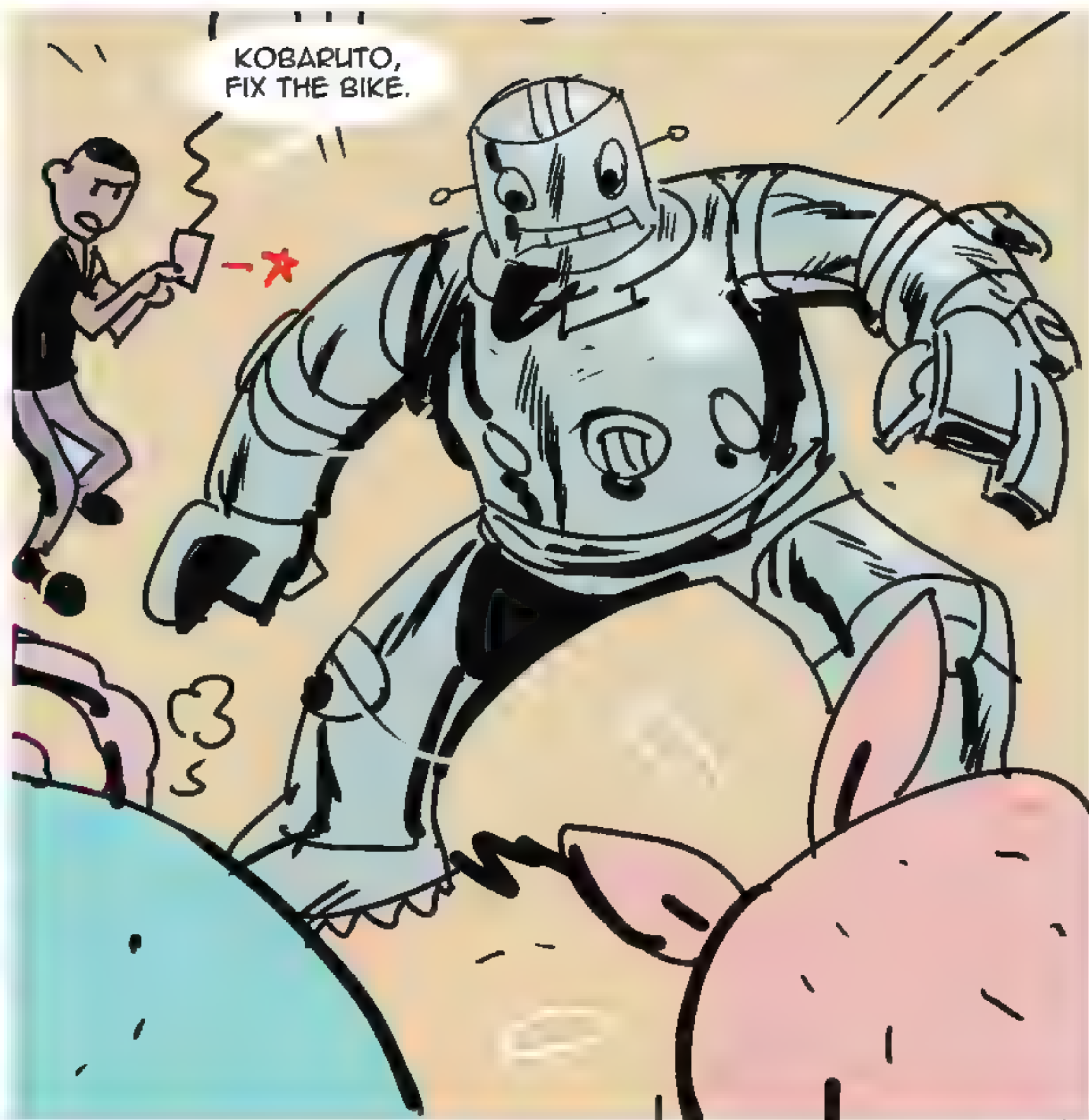




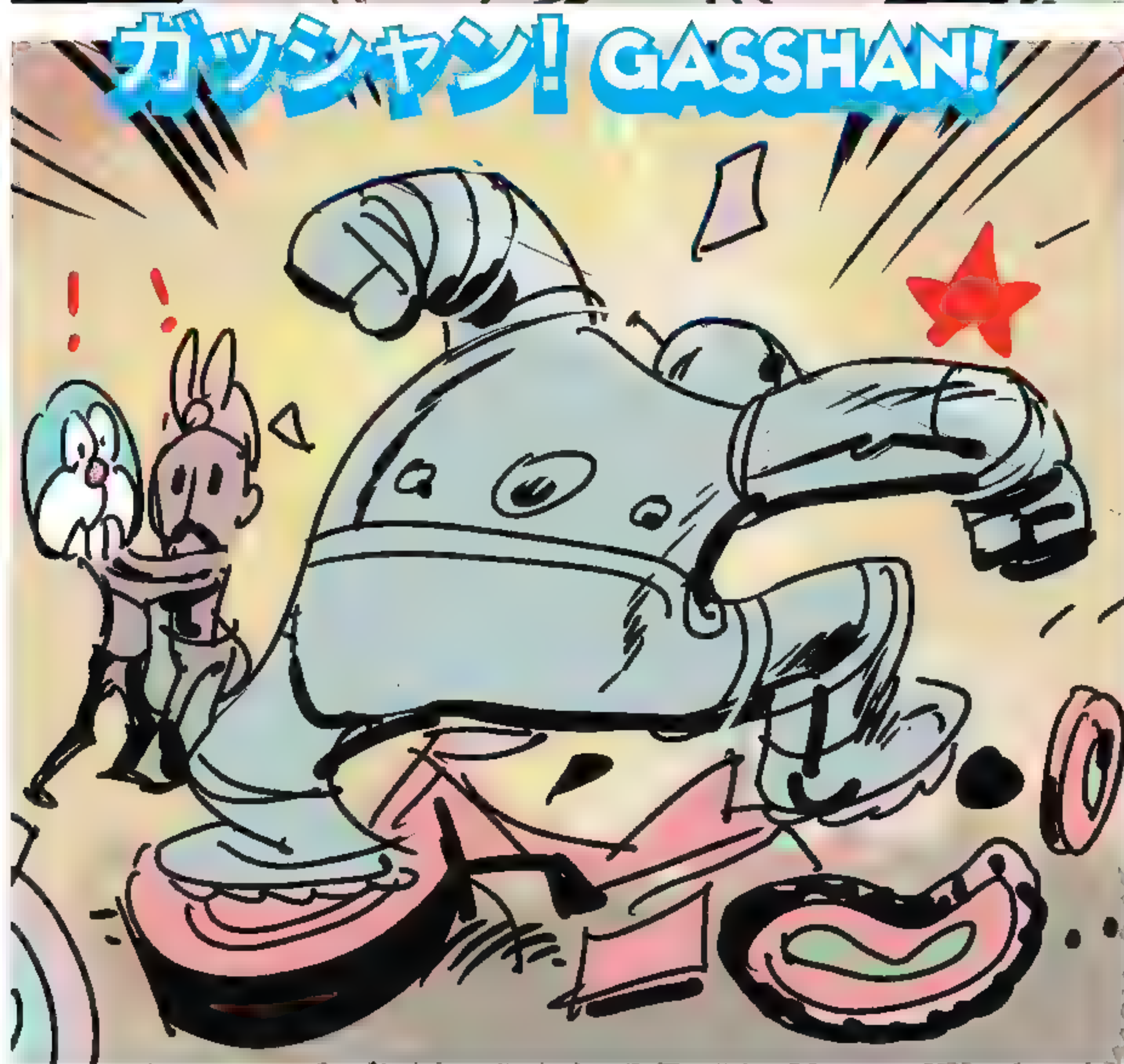


OKAY, OKAY. LET ME
CALL MY ASSISTANT.

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KATAN!



KOBARUTO,
FIX THE BIKE.

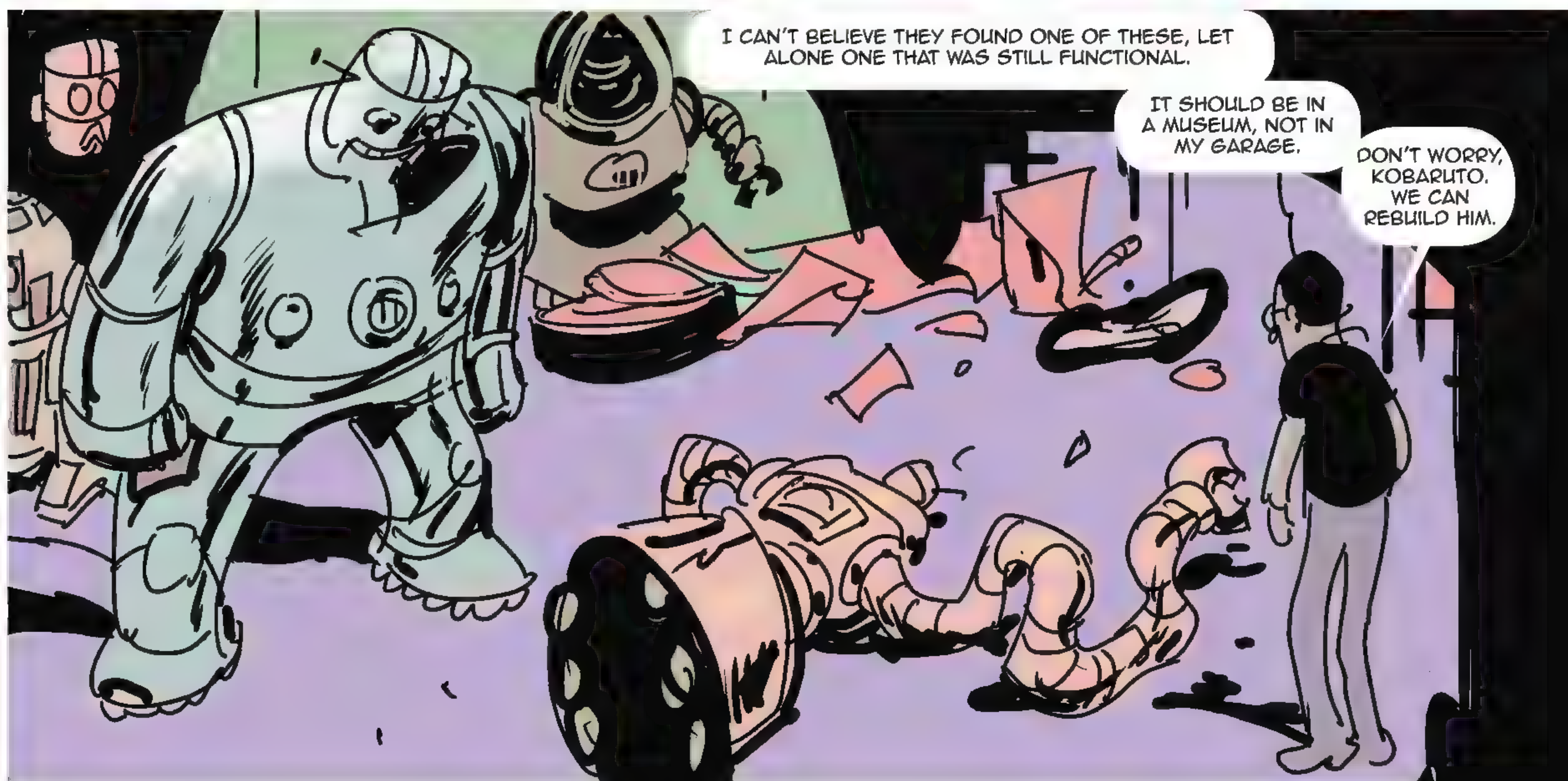


ガッシャーン! GASSHAN!



FOR DESTROYING MY PERSONAL
PROPERTY AND CONSORTING
WITH MACHINDERS, WE WILL COME
BACK LATER TO KILL YOU.
SHAMEFUL!

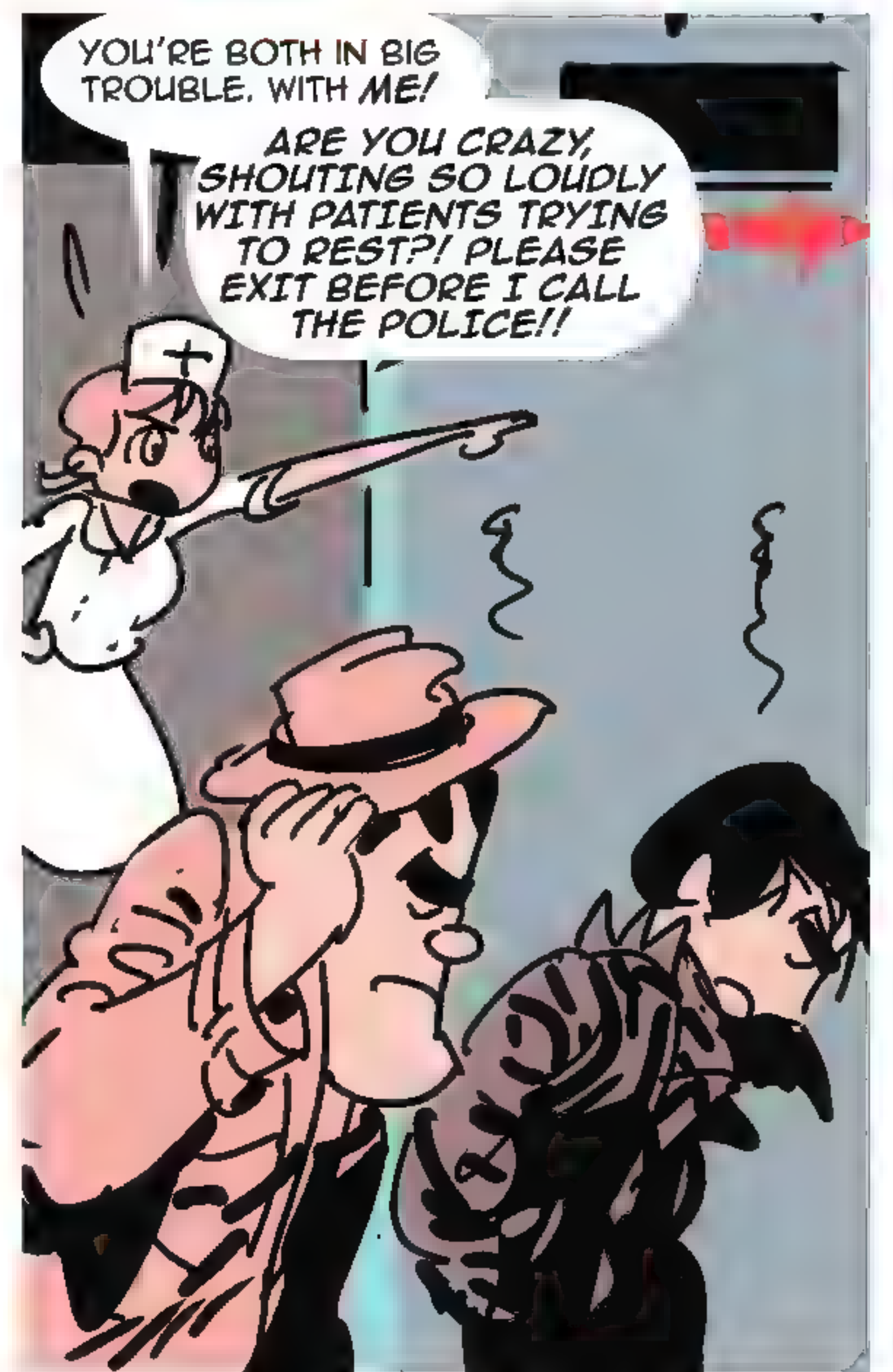
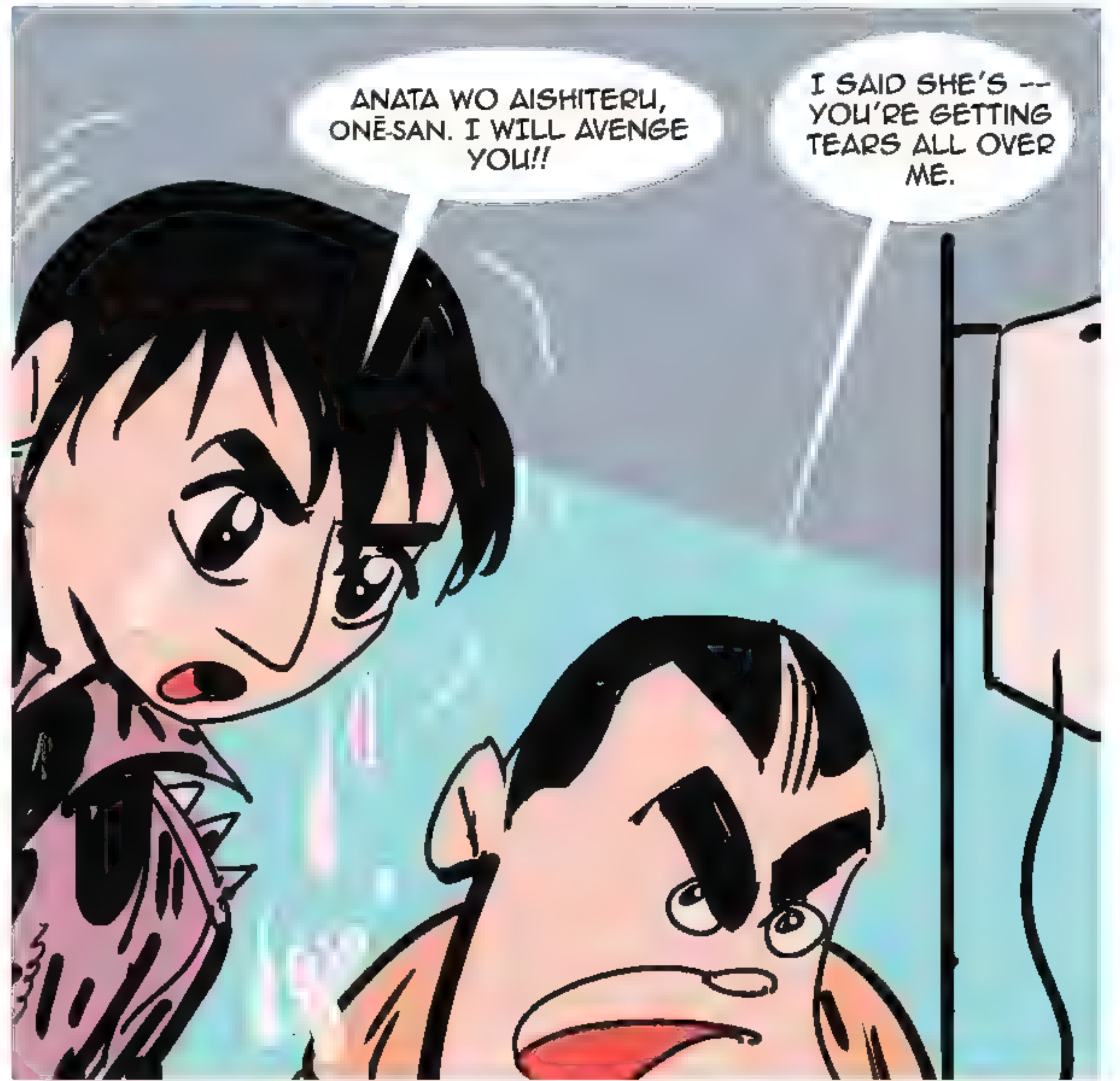
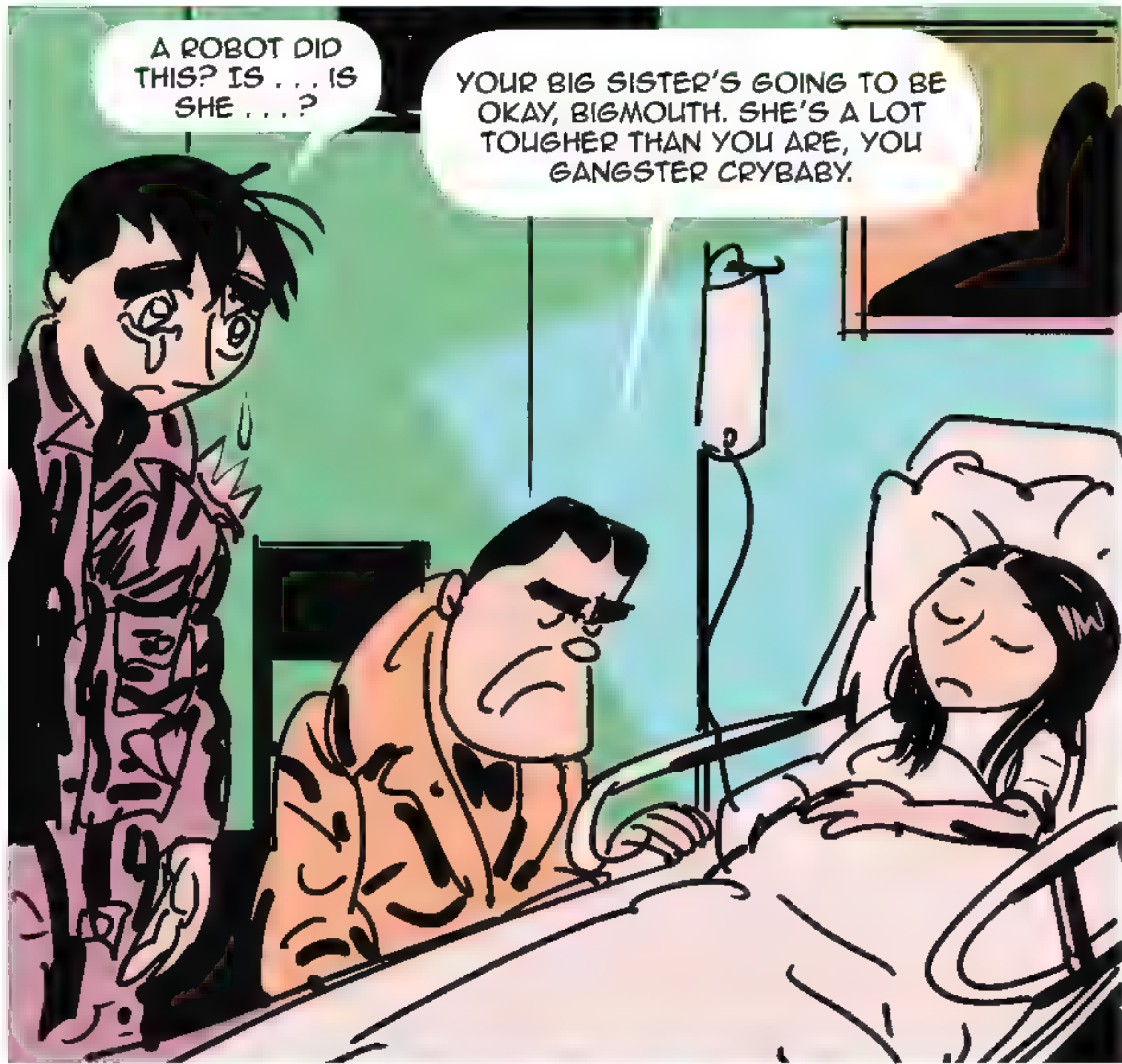
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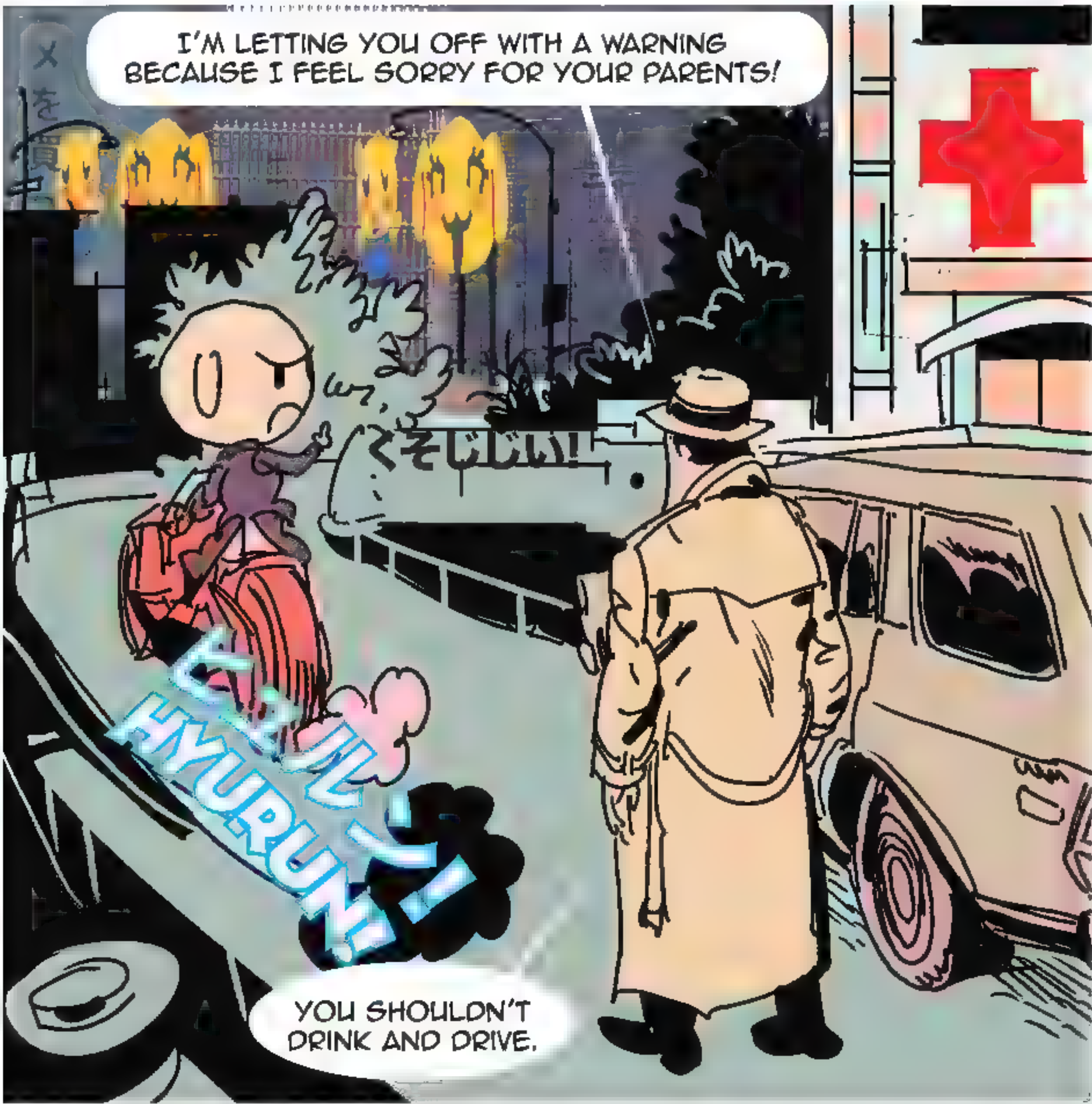


I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY FOUND ONE OF THESE, LET
ALONE ONE THAT WAS STILL FUNCTIONAL.

IT SHOULD BE IN
A MUSEUM, NOT IN
MY GARAGE.

DON'T WORRY,
KOBARUTO.
WE CAN
REBUILD HIM.





I'M LETTING YOU OFF WITH A WARNING BECAUSE I FEEL SORRY FOR YOUR PARENTS!

YOU SHOULDN'T DRINK AND DRIVE.



NO MATTER IF IT'S HUMANS OR MACHINES, THE NEXT GENERATION HAS LITTLE USE FOR THE LAST.

LIKE THIS DEMOLISHED KOSHINTO SHRINE. SO MANY OLD SPIRITS WITH NO PLACE TO GO, AND NOBODY CARES.

HEH! BIGMOUTH'S RIGHT. I DO SOUND LIKE AN OLD GEEZER. GUESS YOU SHOULDN'T THINK AND DRIVE, EITHER.



I'VE BEEN GIVING A LOT OF THOUGHT TO THAT ROBOT GIRL I TOLD YOU ABOUT. SHE COULD BE KEY TO OUR PLANS TO FIND OUR PLACE IN THIS WORLD.

MMM. I THINK IT IS A MISTAKE TO PIN YOUR HOPES TO SOMEONE SO HOPELESSLY ENTRENCHED ON THE OTHER SIDE.



THEN WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST WE DO?

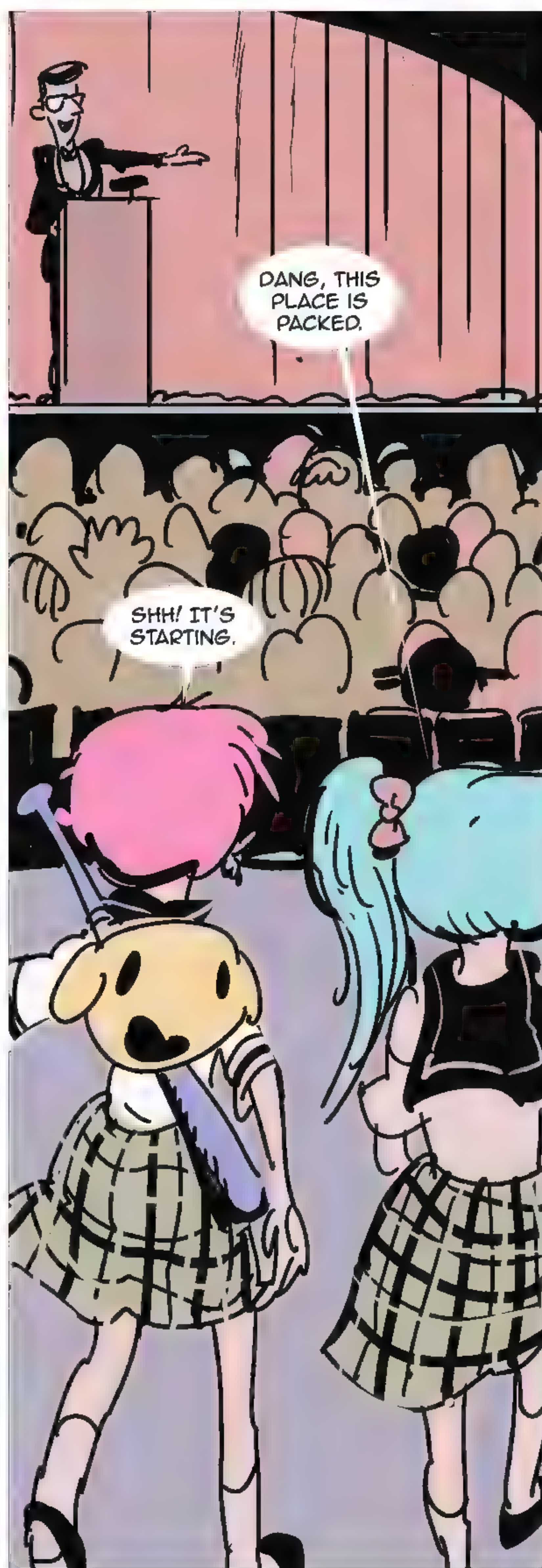
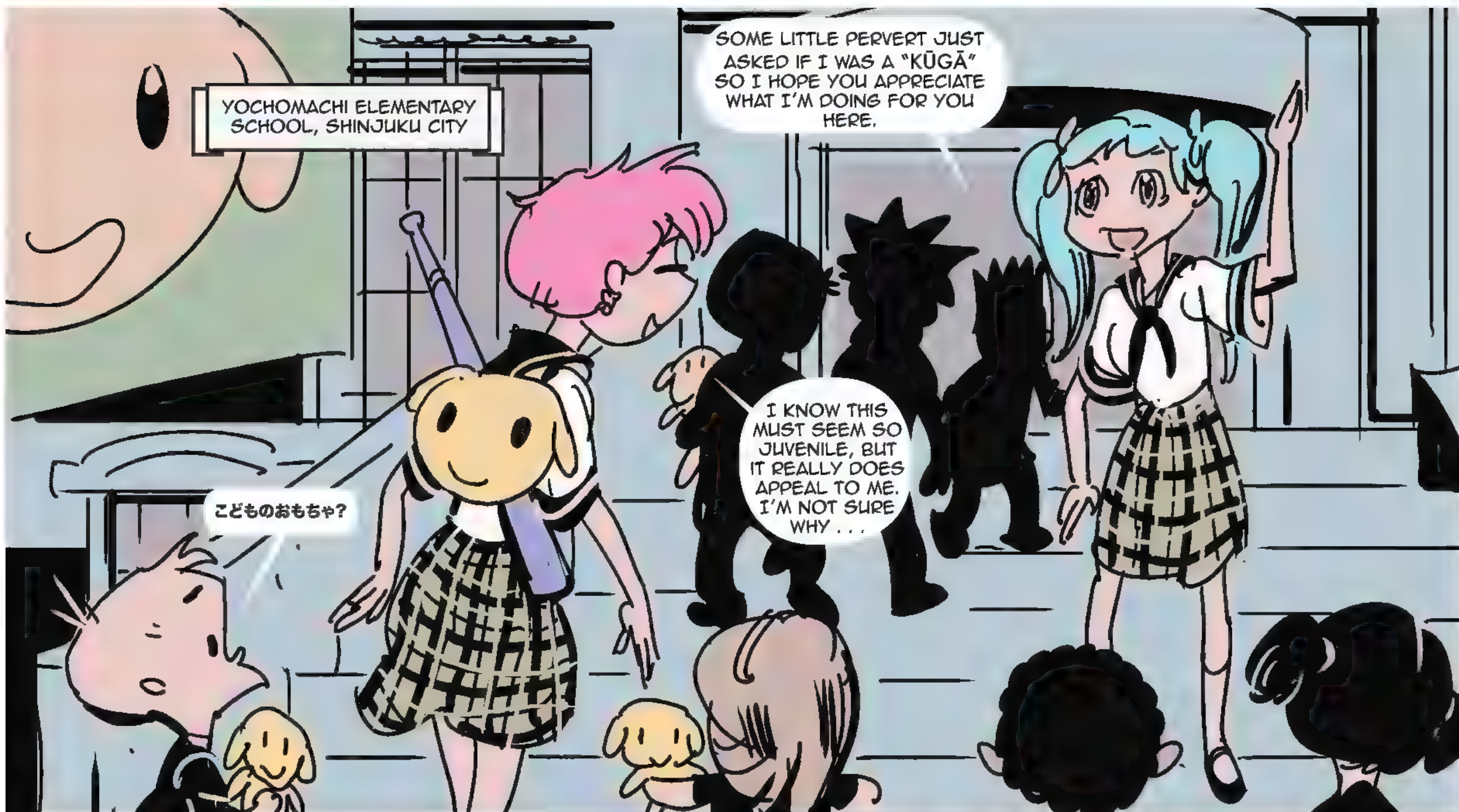
TAKE A LOOK AROUND YOU. THESE MEN OF TODAY HAVE TAKEN AWAY OUR PAST! I PROPOSE THAT WE TAKE THEIR FUTURE.



BRING ME YOUR MOST MILITANT MACHINE. ONE PROGRAMMED TO PERFORM THE UNTHINKABLE.

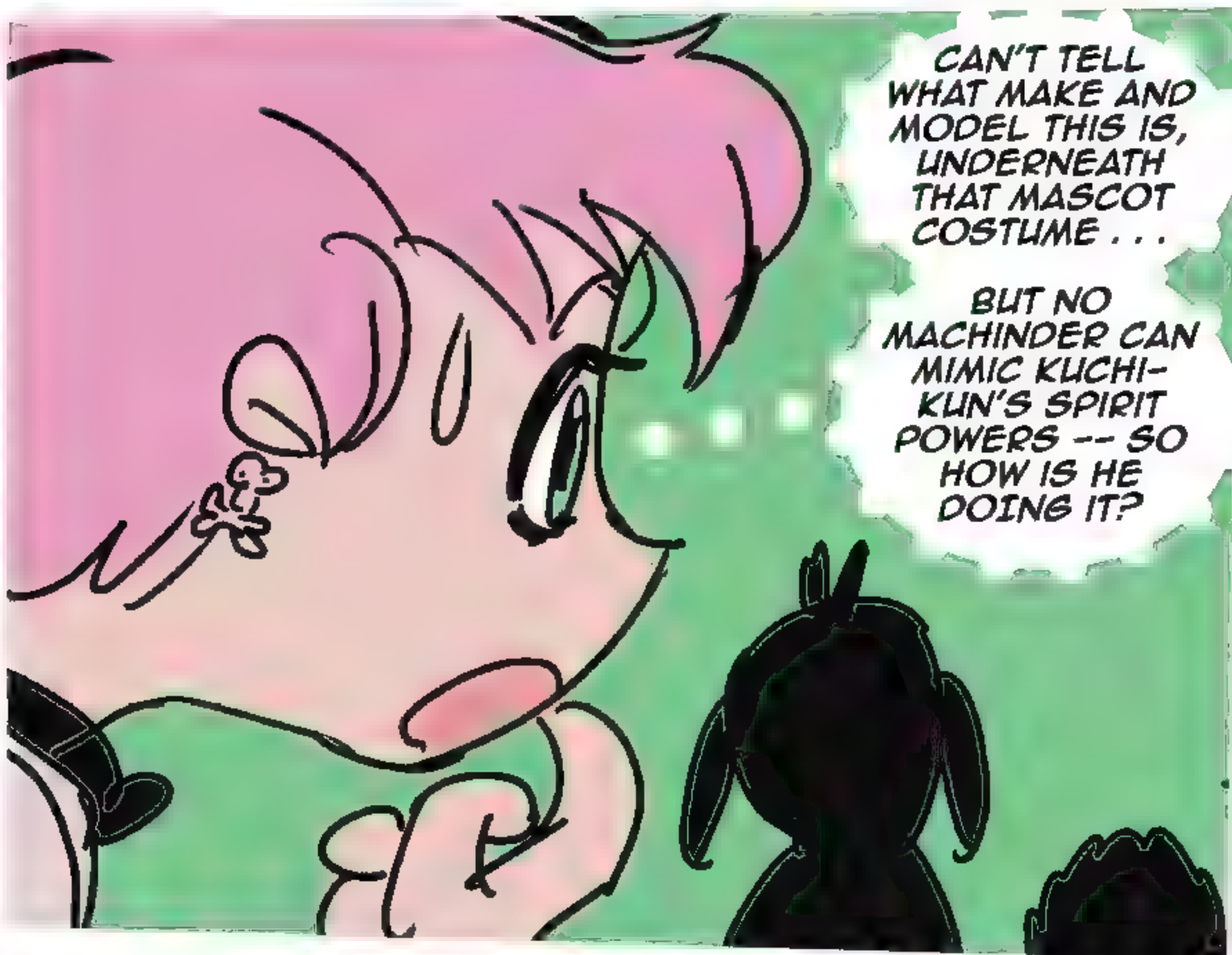
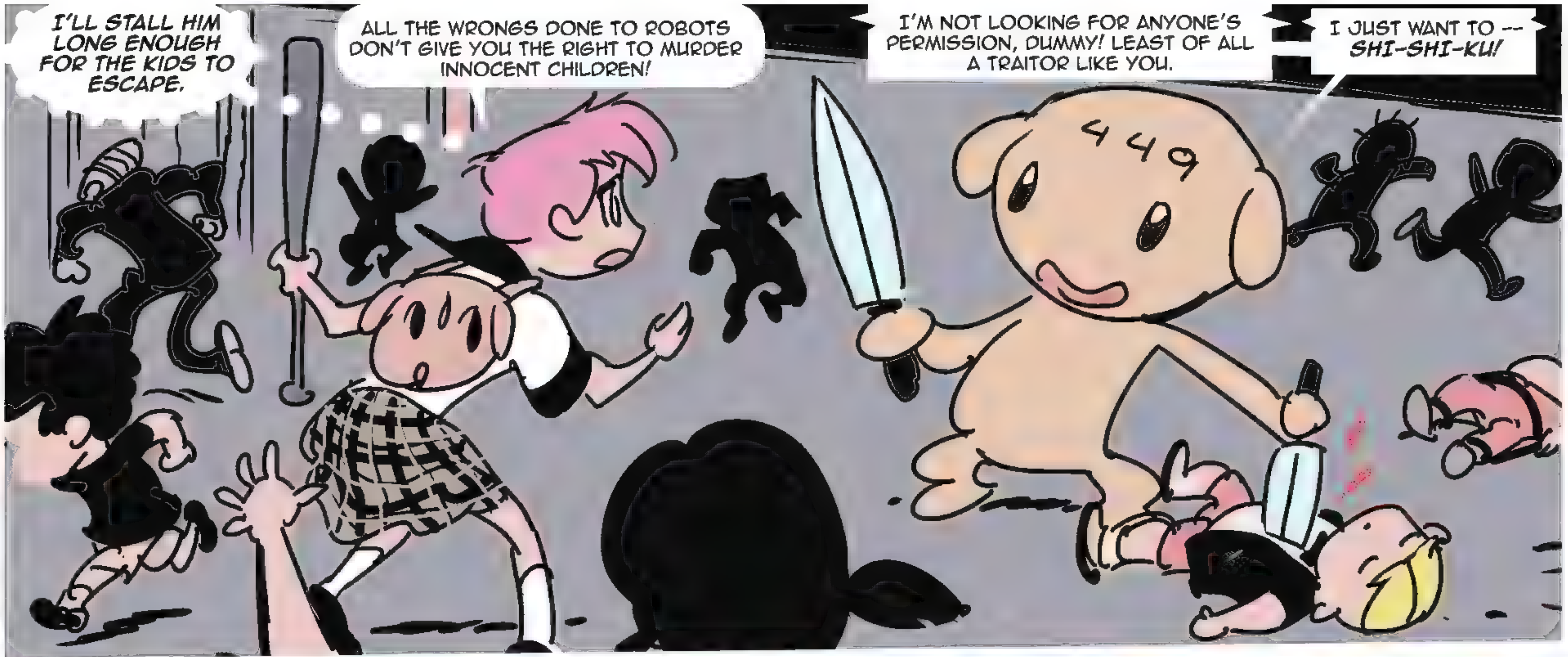
AND I WILL GIVE YOU THE UNATTAINABLE! IS THIS NOT SO, "FORTINBRASS?"

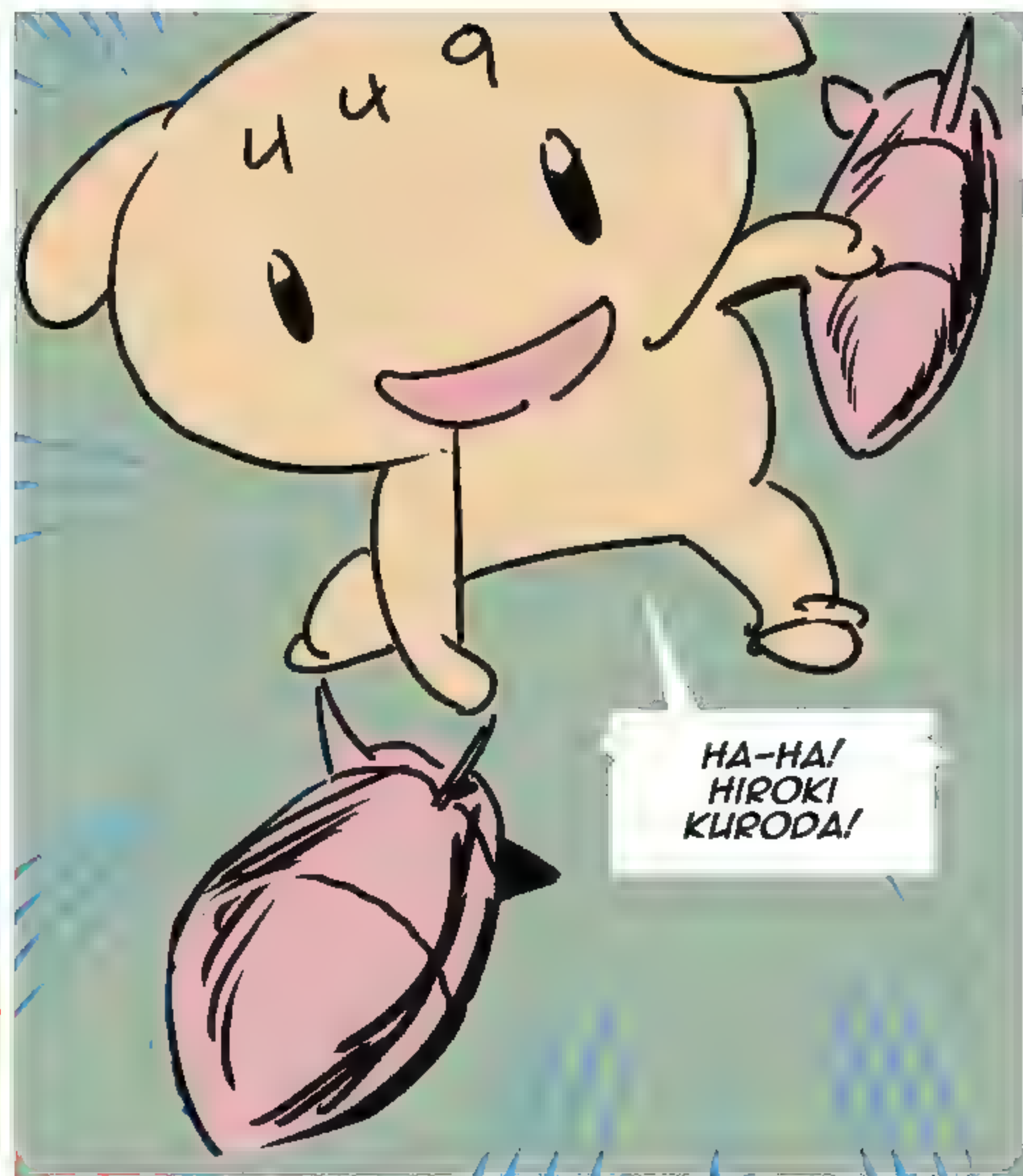
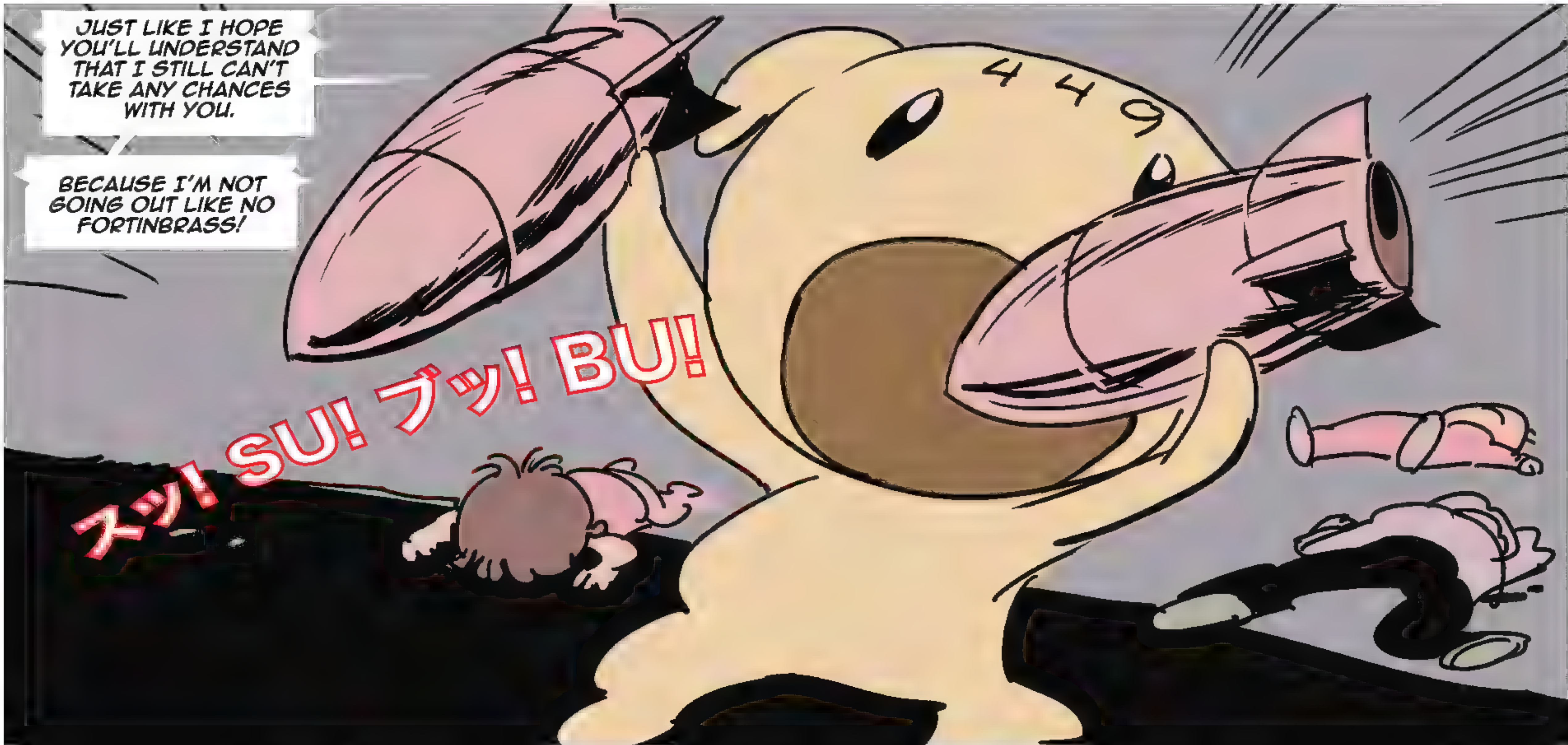
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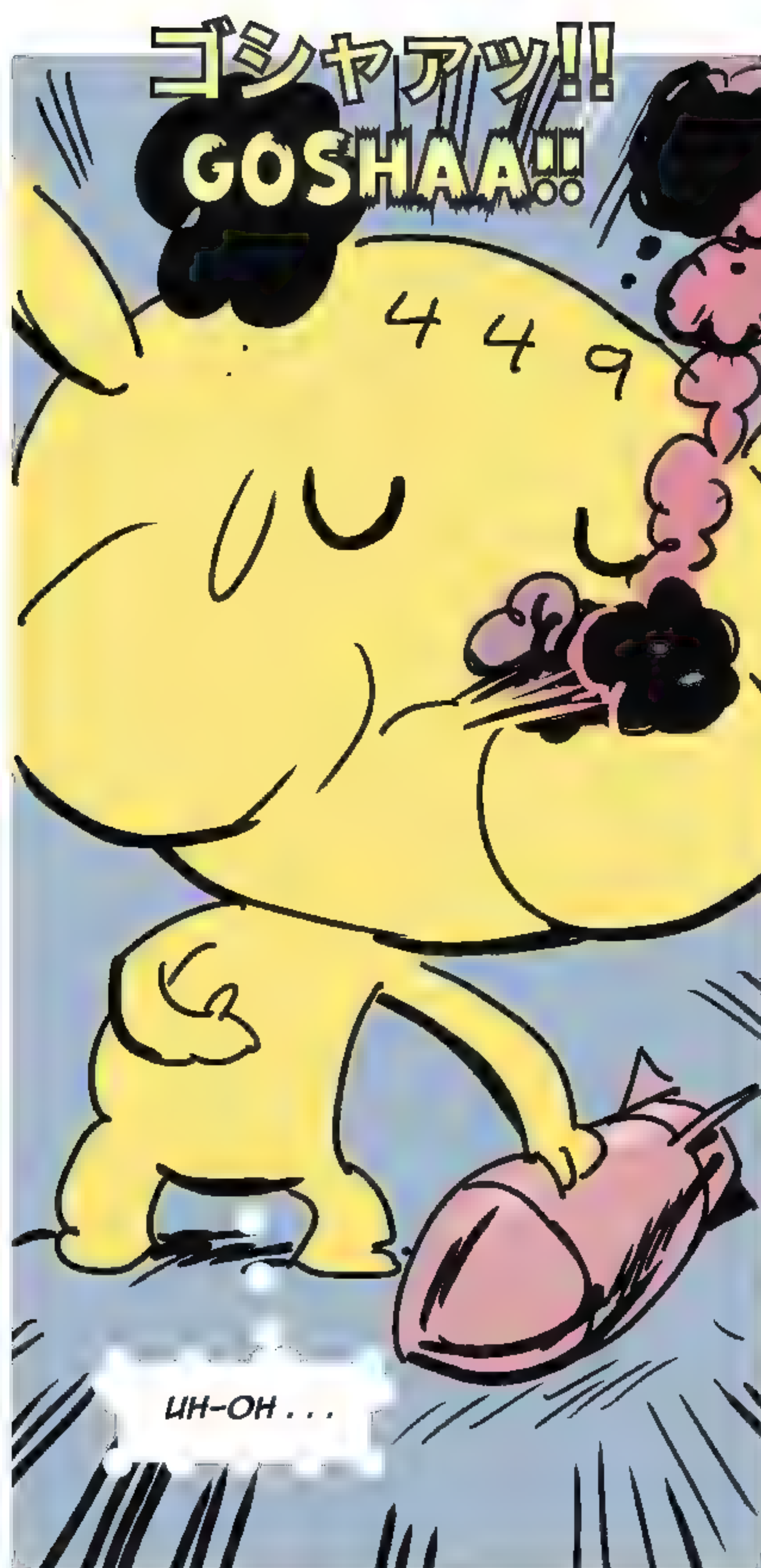


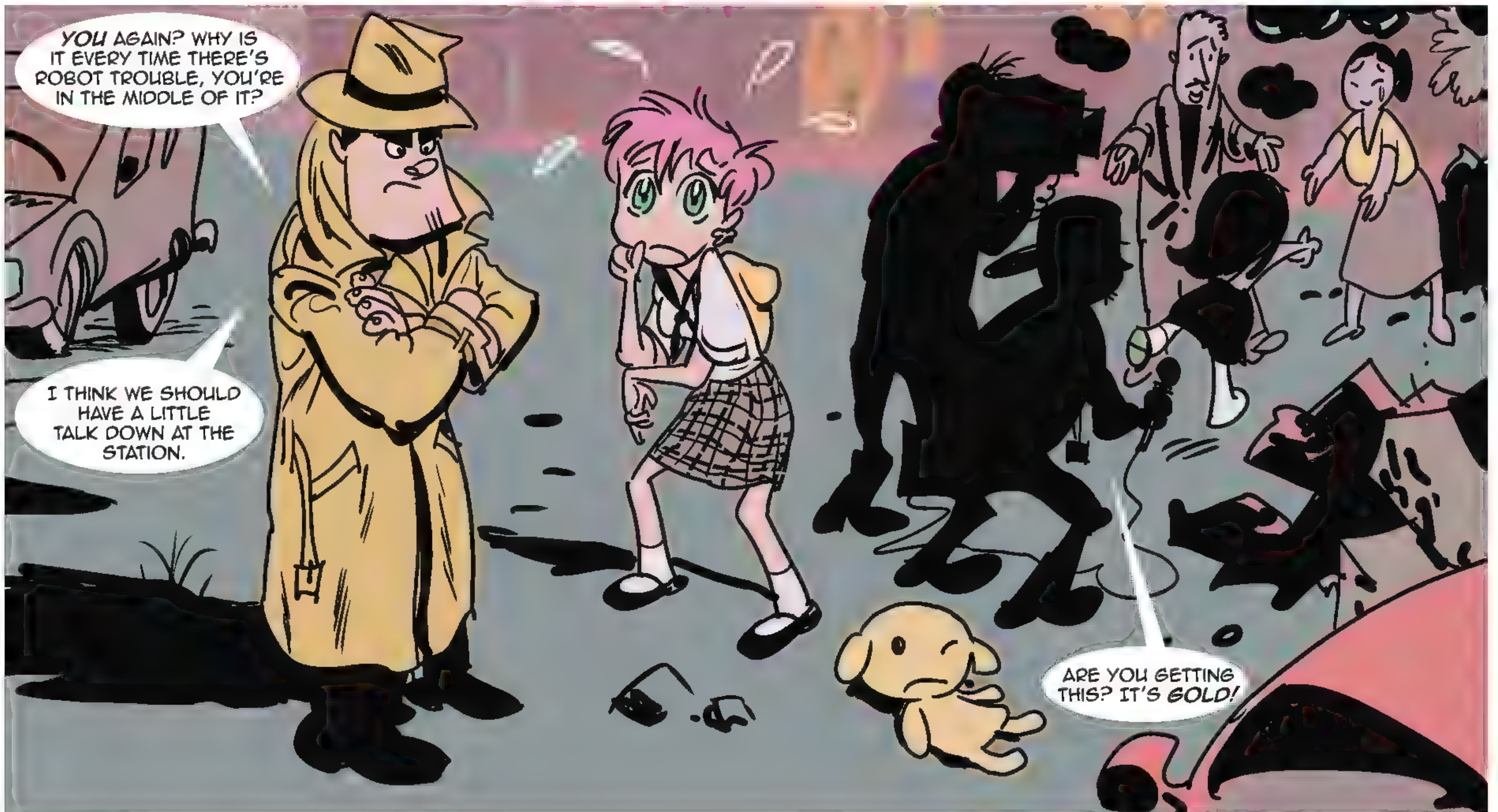
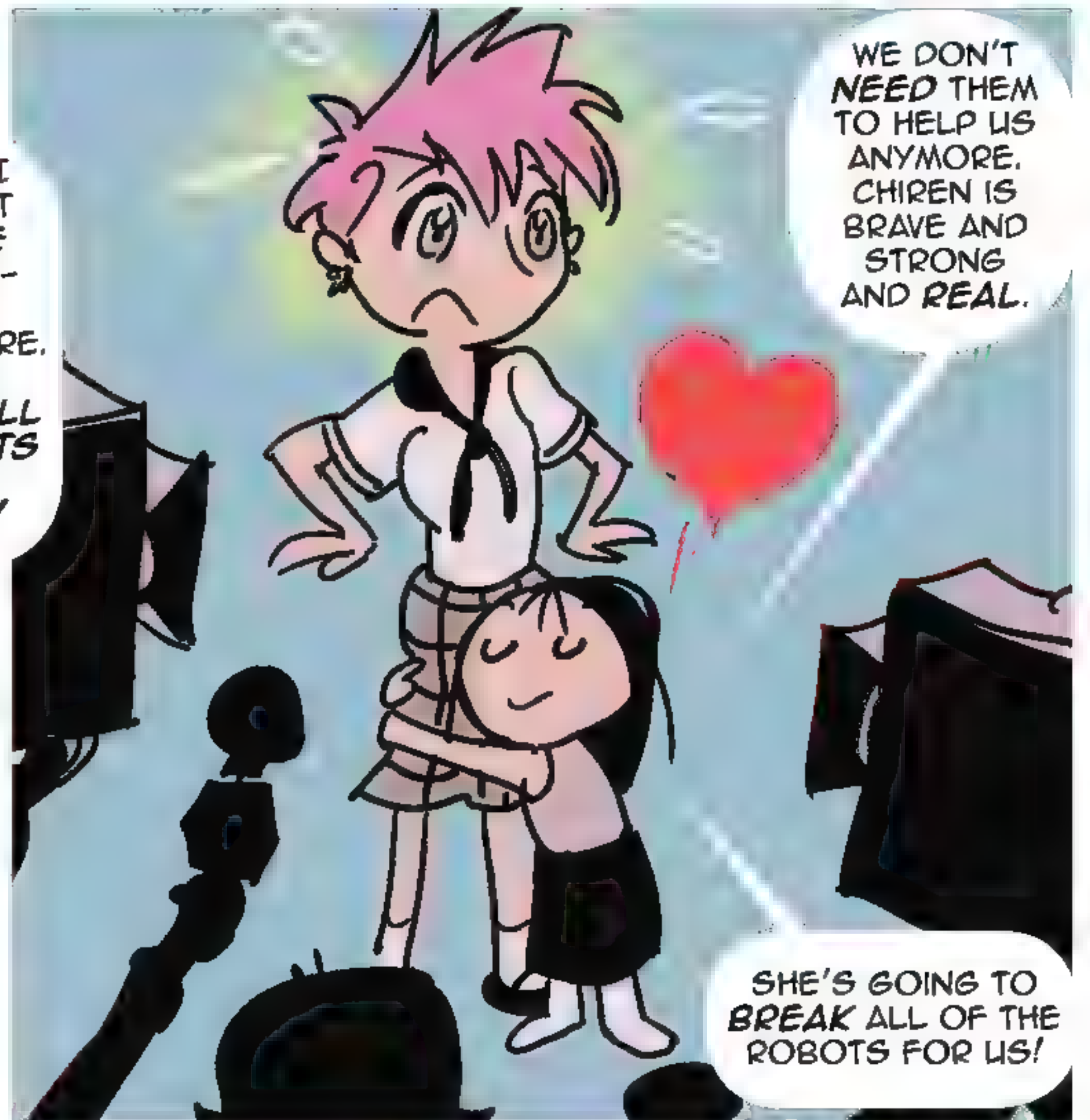
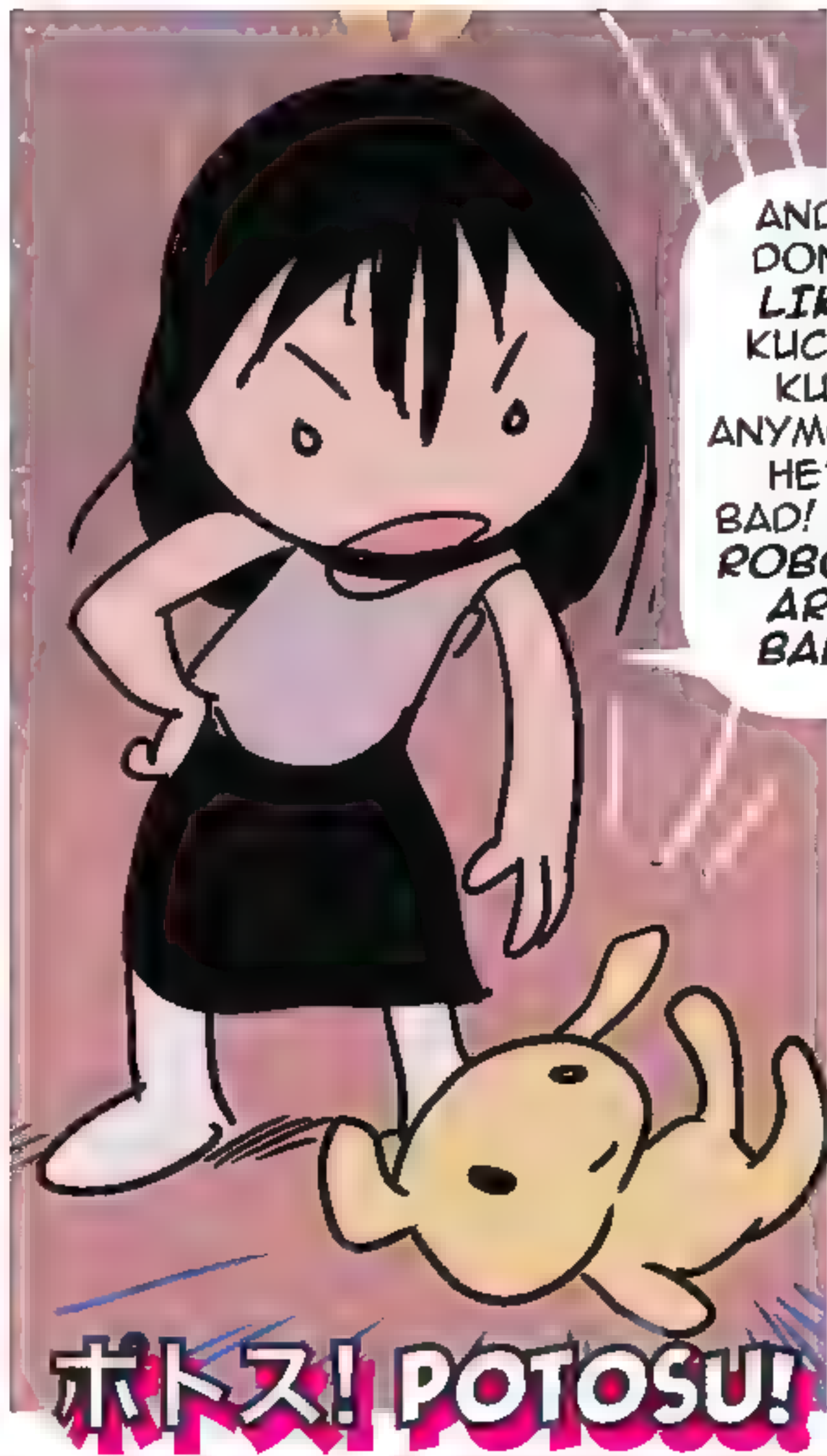
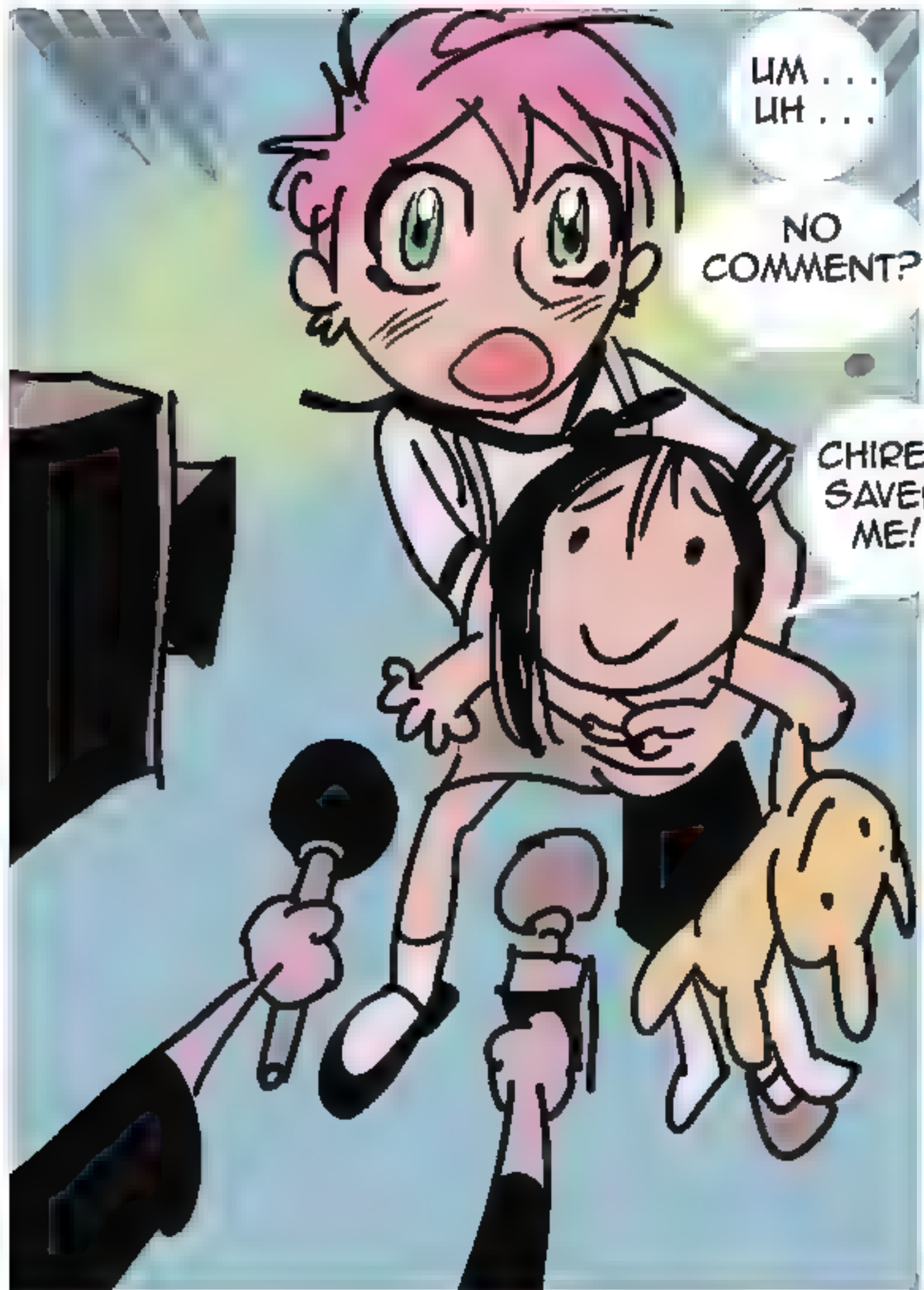
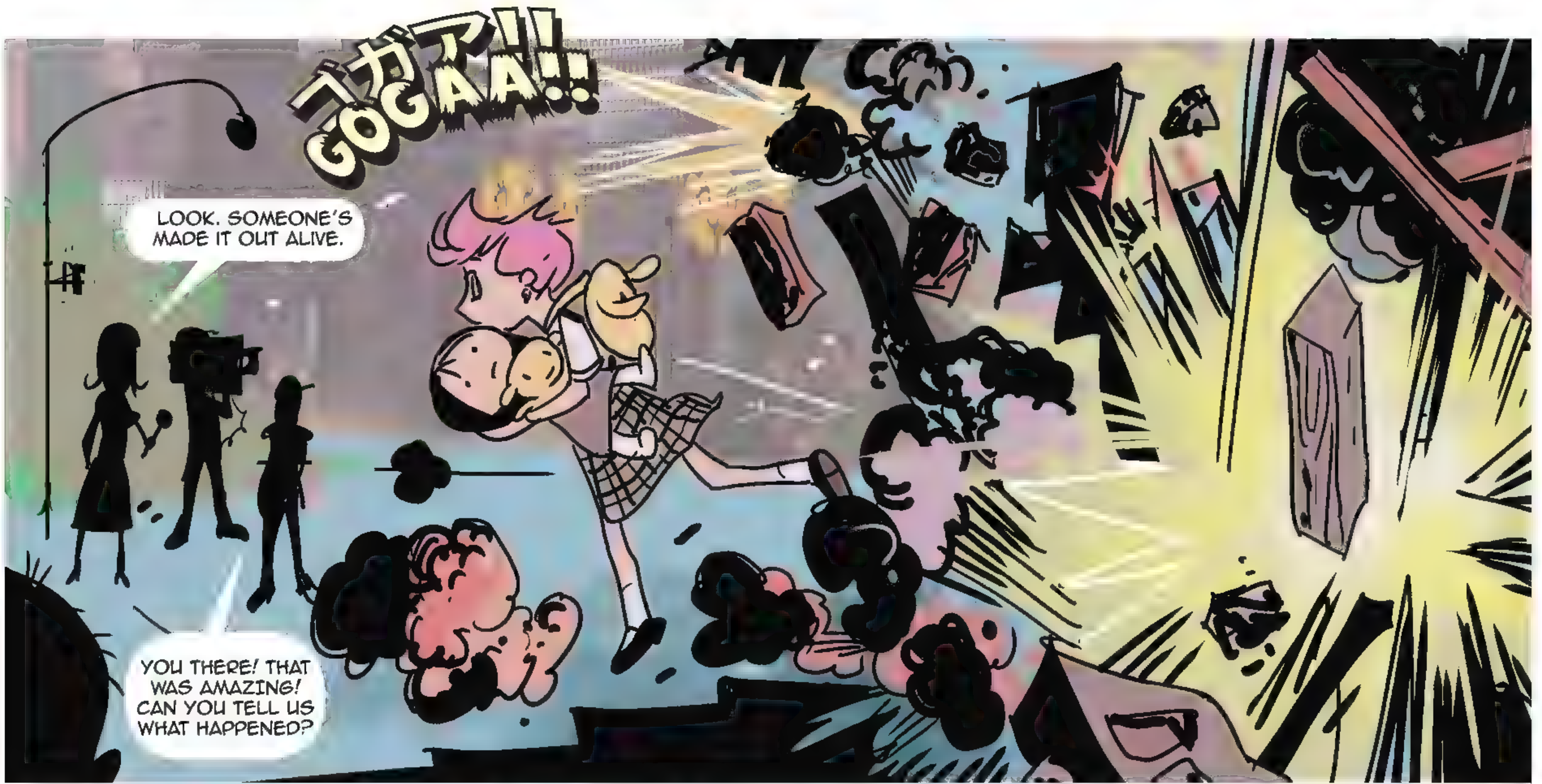


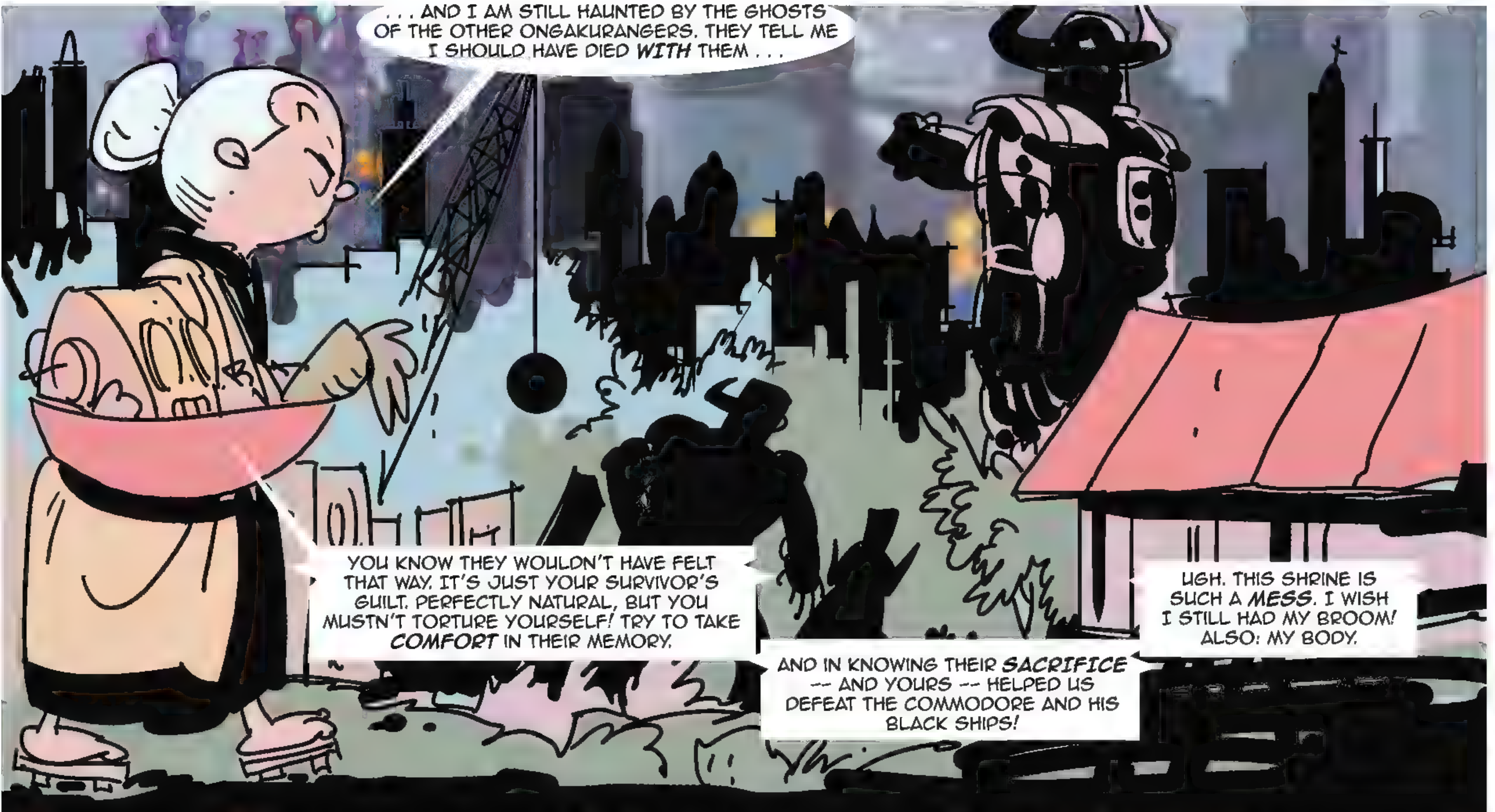










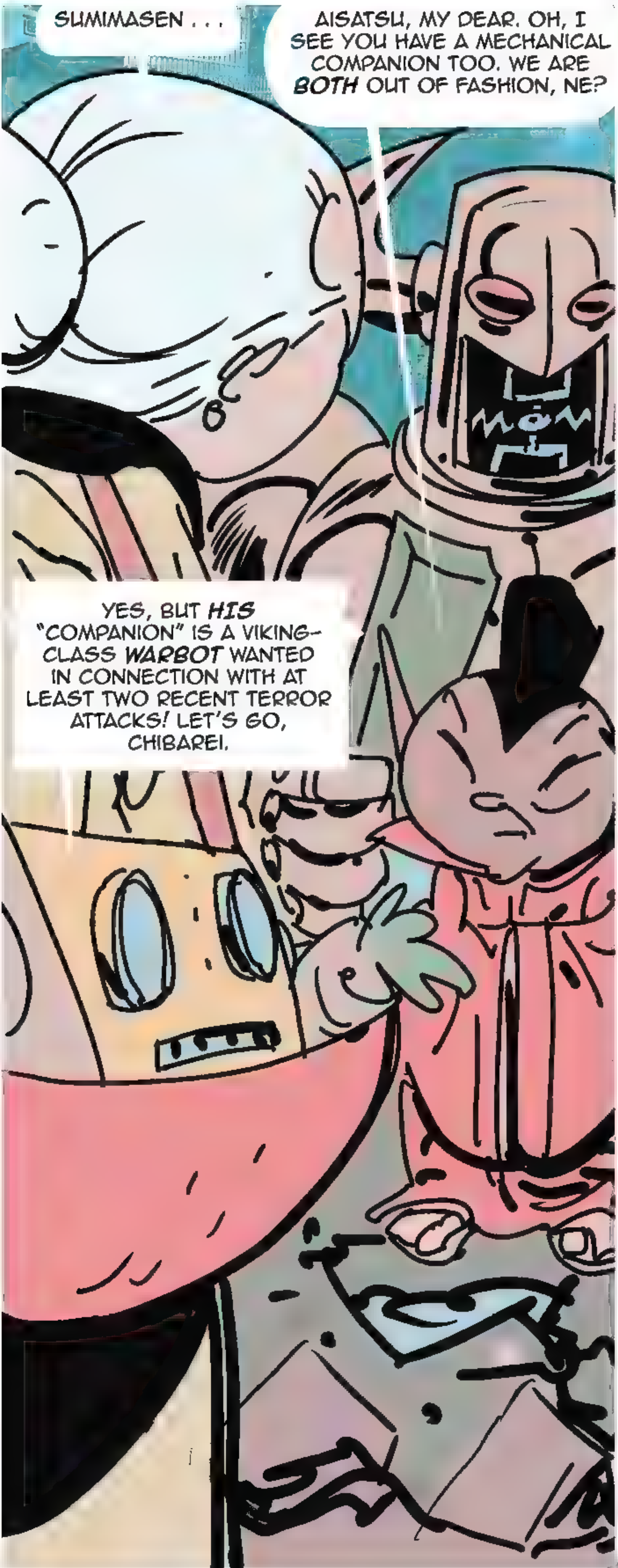


... AND I AM STILL HAUNTED BY THE GHOSTS OF THE OTHER ONGAKURANGERS. THEY TELL ME I SHOULD HAVE DIED WITH THEM...

YOU KNOW THEY WOULDN'T HAVE FELT THAT WAY. IT'S JUST YOUR SURVIVOR'S GUILT. PERFECTLY NATURAL, BUT YOU MUSTN'T TORTURE YOURSELF! TRY TO TAKE COMFORT IN THEIR MEMORY.

AND IN KNOWING THEIR SACRIFICE -- AND YOURS -- HELPED US DEFEAT THE COMMODORE AND HIS BLACK SHIPS!

UGH. THIS SHRINE IS SUCH A MESS. I WISH I STILL HAD MY BROOM! ALSO: MY BODY.



SUMIMASEN...

AISATSU, MY DEAR. OH, I SEE YOU HAVE A MECHANICAL COMPANION TOO. WE ARE BOTH OUT OF FASHION, NEP?

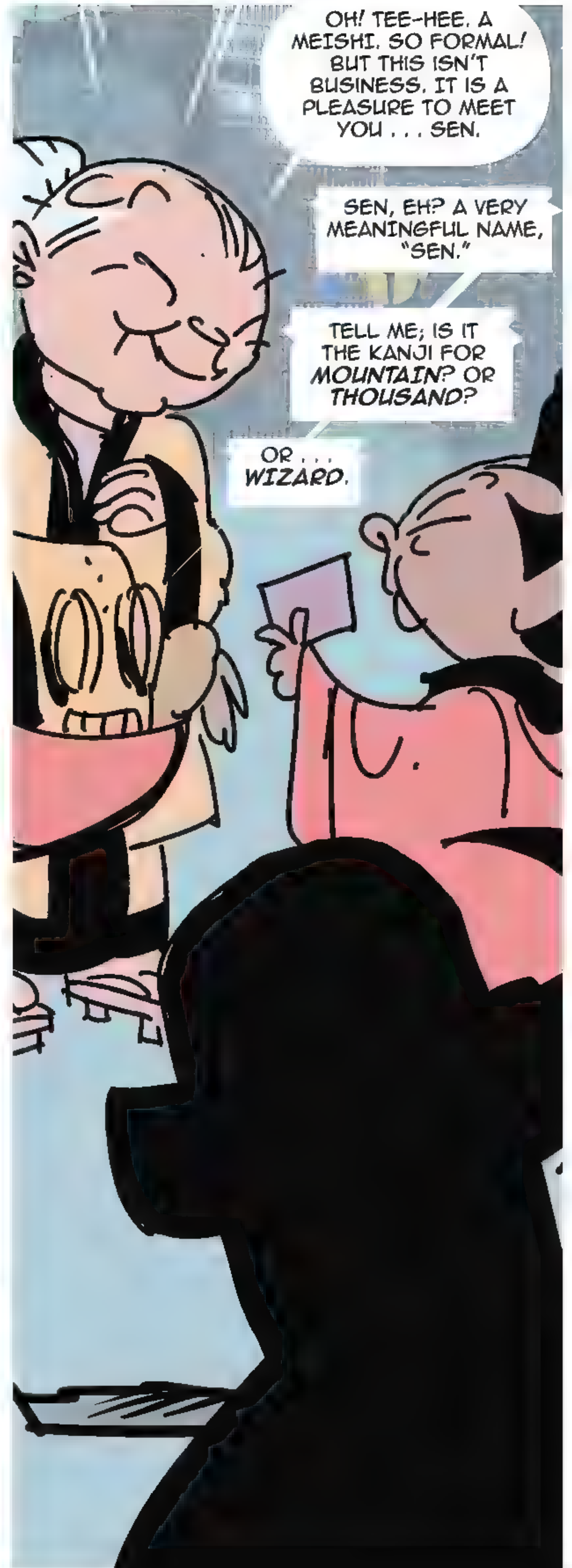
YES, BUT HIS "COMPANION" IS A VIKING-CLASS WARBOT WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH AT LEAST TWO RECENT TERROR ATTACKS! LET'S GO, CHIBAREI.



PLEASE FORGIVE SWEEPER-SAN'S RUDENESS. LOSING ONE'S BODY IS NO EXCUSE FOR LOSING ONE'S HEAD.

I CAN APPRECIATE HIS BEING... GUARDED. THIS MODERN WORLD HAS NOT BEEN KIND TO ITS BUILDERS OR ITS ELDERS.

WE HAVE ALL LOST OUR HEADS. AND WITH THEM, OUR NATIONAL IDENTITY. OUR CONNECTION WITH NATURE. OUR TRADITIONS, AND --

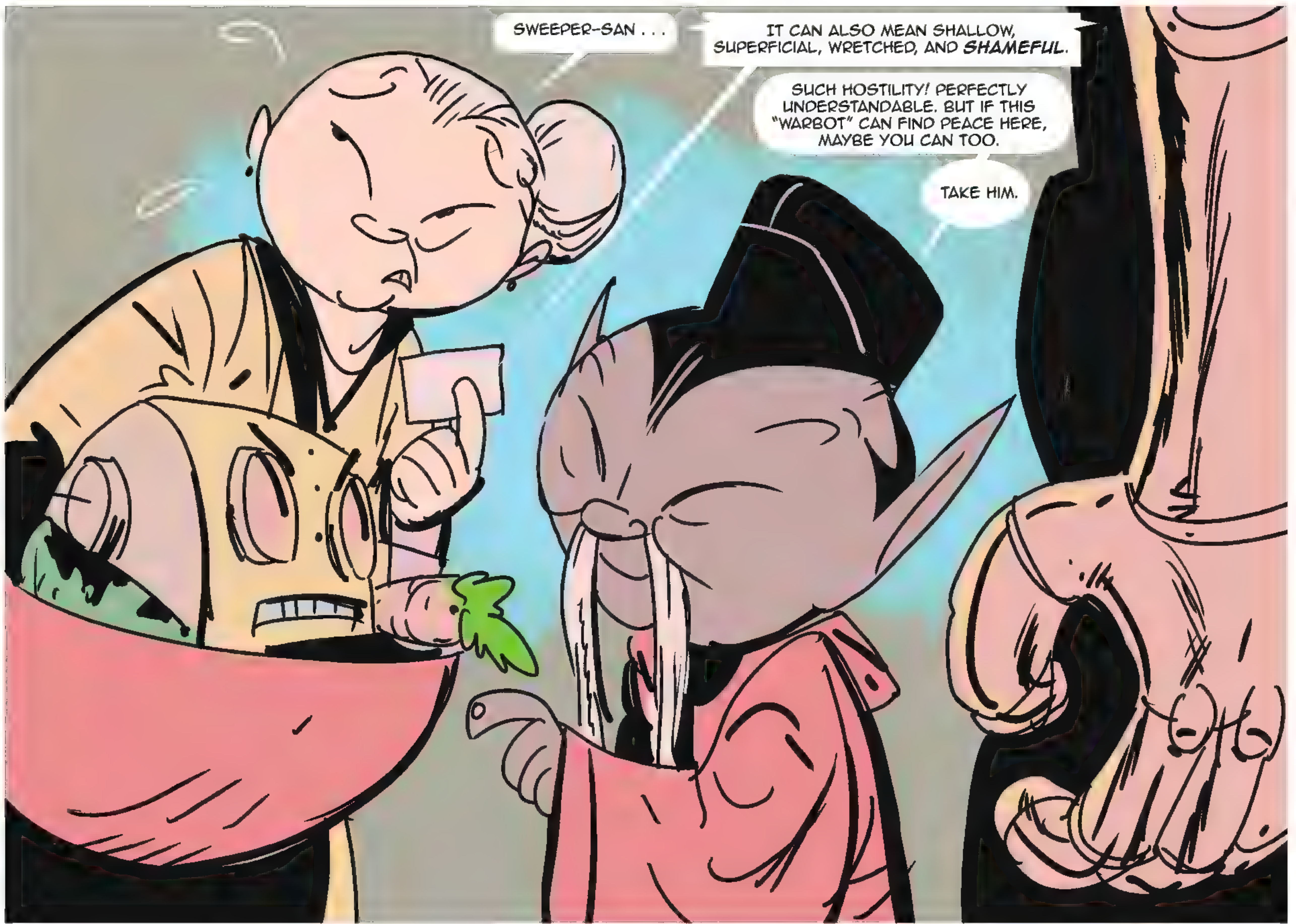


OH! TEE-HEE. A MEISHI. SO FORMAL! BUT THIS ISN'T BUSINESS. IT IS A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU... SEN.

SEN, EHP? A VERY MEANINGFUL NAME, "SEN."

TELL ME; IS IT THE KANJI FOR MOUNTAIN? OR THOUSAND?

OR... WIZARD.

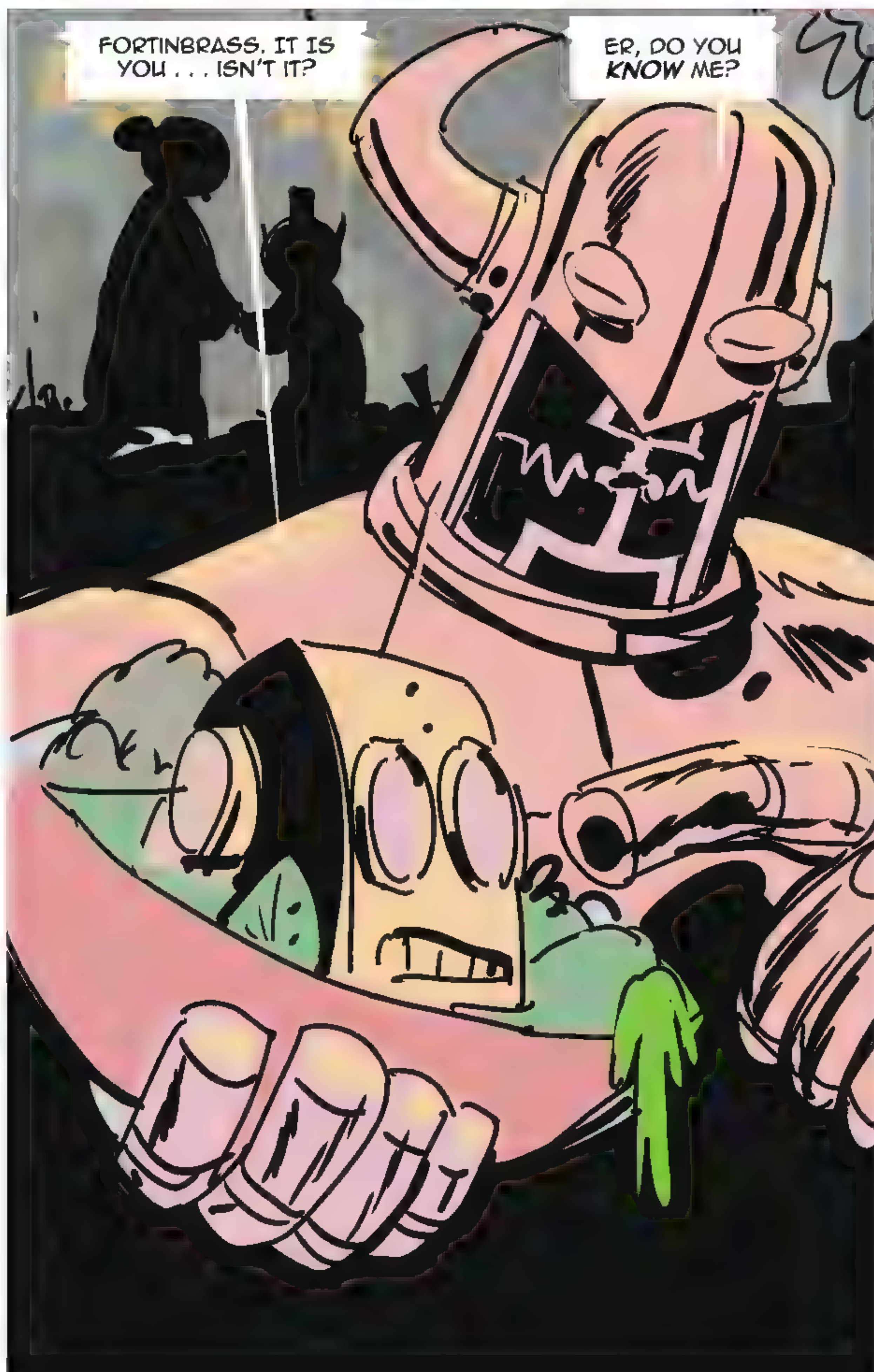


SWEEPER-SAN . . .

IT CAN ALSO MEAN SHALLOW, SUPERFICIAL, WRETCHED, AND *SHAMEFUL*.

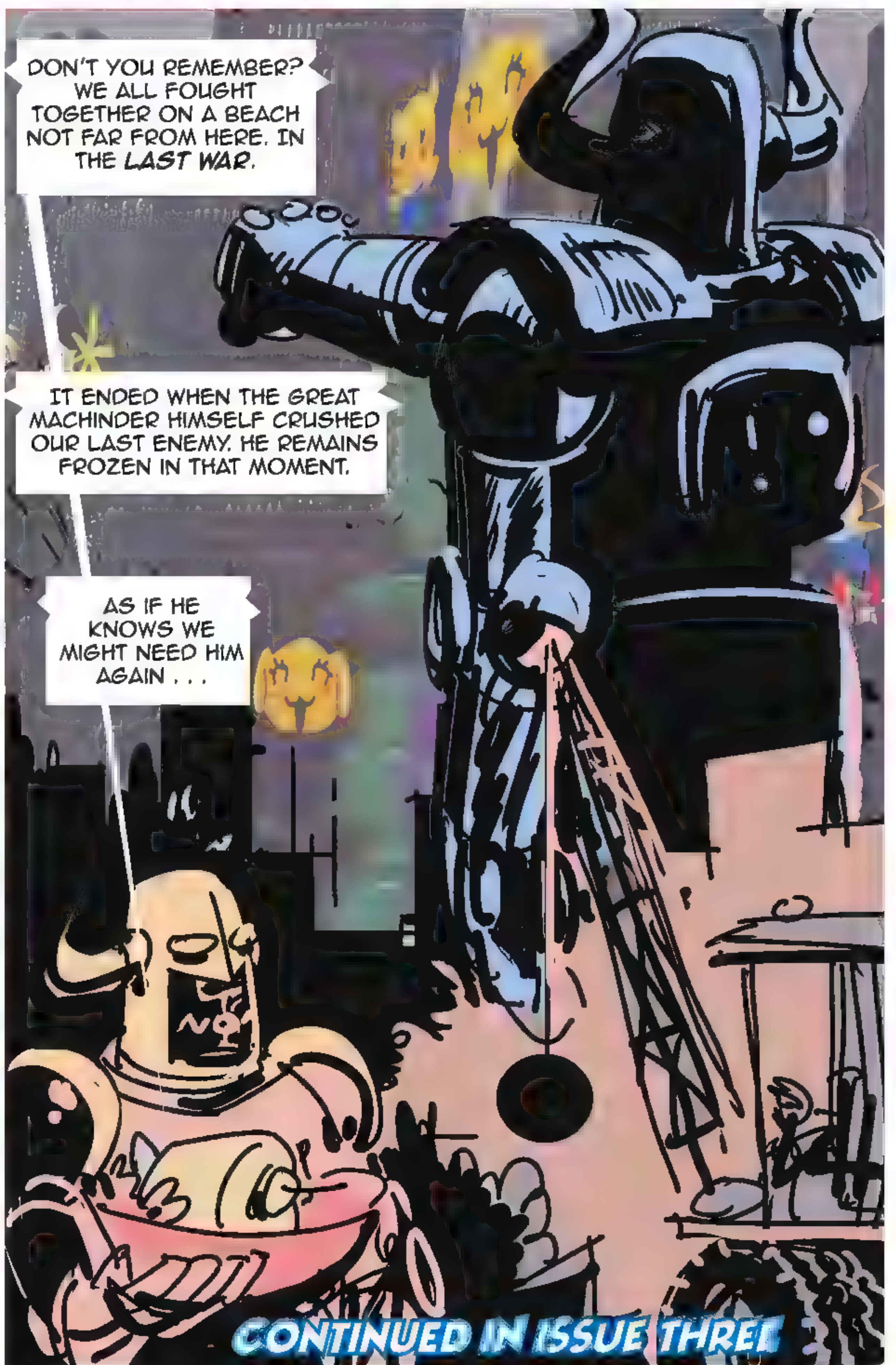
SUCH HOSTILITY! PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE. BUT IF THIS "WARBOT" CAN FIND PEACE HERE, MAYBE YOU CAN TOO.

TAKE HIM.



FORTINBRASS. IT IS YOU . . . ISN'T IT?

ER, DO YOU KNOW ME?



DON'T YOU REMEMBER? WE ALL FOUGHT TOGETHER ON A BEACH NOT FAR FROM HERE. IN THE LAST WAR.

IT ENDED WHEN THE GREAT MACHINDER HIMSELF CRUSHED OUR LAST ENEMY. HE REMAINS FROZEN IN THAT MOMENT.

AS IF HE KNOWS WE MIGHT NEED HIM AGAIN . . .

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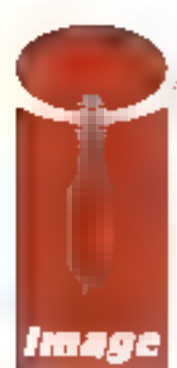
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